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Bigger Lidl store plan gets the all clear

REVISED plans to create a bigger supermarket on the site of an industrial estate have been agreed after a firm found new premises.

Supermarket chain Lidl had already won permission to build a store on part of the Duckworth trading estate, Stallings Lane, Kingswinford. But bosses wanted more land for a larger store and have reached agreement with tyre and exhaust centre Kingswinford Tyres to use its site too.

The company plans to move to Dawley Brook Road as part of expansion of the business.

Demolished

Building work on the first phase of the supermarket will see existing buildings at the Duckworth site demolished and the land cleared to make way for the new store. This work is expected to begin in November with the actual construction of the new supermarket starting soon after.

It is expected to create 15 full-time and 25 part time positions. A 115 space car park will be created.

When agreeing the scheme councillors said they believed the town was 'big enough' to accommodate another supermarket and it would provide 'healthy competition'.

Cemetery is to use pitch

A £150,000 project to expand a cemetery where only dozens of plots are remaining has been agreed by councillors.

Officials feared they could run out of plots by the autumn at Dudley Cemetery, off Stourbridge Road, but now planning committee members have agreed to use a former football pitch off Cleve Road.

The expansion would see enough plots created for the next 30 to 40 years and the council will aim to provide a football pitch elsewhere.

FOUNTAIN TO BE RESTORED

AN HISTORIC fountain will become centre piece for Dudley's revamped market place after councillors declared a refurbishment project as 'a platform for future development'.

Water will once more flow from the 19th Century fountain in Dudley High Street under restoration plans, which have won unanimous backing from councillors this week.

Multi-million regeneration works are under way to transform the market place into a thriving focal point for town centre visitors and to bring back shoppers to the borough's traditional centre.

While work is progressing on the projects to transform the market, councillors have also agreed to major works to renovate the Grade II* listed Earl of Dudley fountain.

Land will be excavated underneath the structure, which formally stood near the Duncan Edwards statue, to allow for a pump chamber to be built.

Market

This chamber will house hydraulics and electrics to bring the fountain back into use as a feature for the revamped £6.7 million market place.

Dudley Council's planning committee backed the proposal for the fountain at a meeting on Monday.

Committee chairman, Councillor Qadar Zada, said that the work was a vital step along the way to boost the town centre.

"It was a really good application and with it you feel that the regeneration of the town centre is beginning to come together," he said.

"For all these people who

Report by Andrew Turton

have been coming to Dudley and saying that the town isn't doing well, this is a way to show that the regeneration is moving forward.

"If you put this scheme with the overall market plan you can see this coming through. It is a platform for future development."

Conservation body English Heritage welcomed the news of the revamp for the landmark fountain to help restore historic links in the town centre. Historic buildings inspector Alan Taylor said in a letter to the council: "Its installation is necessary as part of the agreed restoration and enhancement of the fountain and the wider public realm works in the town centre."

Works on the market place have now moved to a new phase as stall holders have been asked to temporarily move pitches.

Dudley's market traders can now be found on the opposite side of the fountain, with an overspill at Stone Street Square on busy days.

They have been moved to make way for stage two of work on the scheme, which includes the replacement of the existing market stalls.

The town's market will continue to operate six days a week during this period.

New mayor will be helped by son



Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Margaret Aston, with her son Councillor Adam Aston

IT'S a family affair for Dudley's first citizen who will be accompanied on her ceremonial duties by her own son.

Councillor Margaret Aston has been invested as the new Mayor of Dudley after being sworn in at Dudley Council House.

It will be a busy year for the 66-year-old, who served as deputy mayor, but she said it will be even more special with her son by her side. Fellow councillor Adam will join her as Mayor's consort.

"It is lovely that Adam will be with me and I'm so pleased he is able to be Mayor's Consort," said Mrs Aston, from The Ridgeway, Upper Gornal. "I'm really looking forward to it as it is such an honour for me because I was born and raised in the area."

Mrs Aston has been married to 65-year-old husband Michael for 40 years. She has served two spells as a Labour councillor, firstly for Sedgley and then as ward member for Castle and Priory since 2000.

Mrs Aston has named two charities close to her heart that she will help raise money for during her year in office.

One is rehabilitation charity Action Heart, after her husband suffered a heart attack, and Guide Dogs as she is an animal lover.

Councillor Aston takes over from Councillor Alan Finch who has been mayor of the borough for the past year. Councillor Steve Waltho is new Deputy Mayor of Dudley.

Workman statue has lost shovel in crash

A STATUE built as a symbol for Black Country workers on a busy traffic island has been damaged after it was hit by a car.

More than £1,000 of damage has been caused to the Heroic Worker statue standing on the Cinder Bank island on Dudley Southern Bypass. The worker has lost his shovel.

This is not the first time the bronze figure has been damaged, as it has suffered a spate of vandalism attacks over the years.

Dudley's transport boss, Councillor Khurshid Ahmed, said the council was seeking cash through the driver's insurance company to pay for the repairs to the damage.

The 10ft high statue depicts a chainmaker with a sledgehammer and shovel. But the shovel has been broken in the crash.

Councillor Ahmed said: "The statue has been damaged in a car crash but it will be repaired. The likely cost will be over £1,000. We are hoping to recoup this money from the insurance company that covers the person who had the accident."

The figure, which cost £30,000 when it was commissioned, is part of a work on the island called Fires of Industry by artists Philip Bews and Diane Gorvin.

Spitfire in hall fly-past

A SPITFIRE will take to the skies as one of the highlights of Armed Forces Day commemorations in front of veterans.

Thousands are expected to attend the annual event at Himley Hall and Park on Sunday, June 29, to celebrate the dedication of servicemen and women.

Dudley Council has announced an RAF Battle of Britain Memorial Flight spitfire flypast at around 2pm, weather permitting. The event starts at 11am.



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Police take to the air to watch reserve

HELICOPTERS are being called in to help police swoop on illegal off-road bikers on a Dudley nature reserve.

A police sergeant has requested support from the National Police Air Service as officers attempt to catch the riders at Fens Pool Nature Reserve in Pensnett.

A helicopter circled over the reserve for 15 minutes during a recent

visit by police and members of the Friends of Fens Pool group.

Police spokesman Carly Anderson said: "Requests can be made for a helicopter that is in the area to circle over the Fens Pool and see if there are any off-road vehicles. On this recent occasion, the helicopter circled for 15 minutes and there was no-one found but it was reassuring for the sergeant to see it."

"Fens Pool is a large open park, it is the ideal place for people to ride their off-road vehicles but it is also very dangerous and is illegal. People caught face having their vehicle seized."

Evelyn Bradley, chairman of the Friends of Fens Pool group, was with police and Brockmoor and Pensnett Councillor Judy Foster when the fly-over took place.

Ms Bradley has long-campaigned against the use of off-road vehicles on the 92 acre reserve. She said: "The reserve is very special and the bikers do a lot of damage. They are also associated with anti-social behaviour and walkers often face abuse when talking to them."

"The police helicopter is exactly what we want to help police on the ground."

Call for statue of Black Country's 'Schindler'

HE risked his own life to save thousands of Jews from the horrors of Nazi Germany

Major Frank Foley used his position as a passport control officer at the British Embassy to bend the rules to save Jews from the concentration camps.

Dubbed the 'British Schindler' he hid escapees in his own home. It is believed he saved more than 10,000 Jews from the gas chambers.

Now a Black Country MP is campaigning for lasting memorial to the war hero in the Black Country in honour of his bravery and achievements. He retired to Stourbridge where he lived at Eveson Road in Norton until his death in 1958.

Statue

There is already a statue dedicated to Major Foley is home town of Highbridge in Somerset but there is nothing on a similar scale in the Dudley borough.

There is a memorial plaque at the entrance to Mary Stevens Park in Stourbridge but Dudley North MP Austin believes a local statue would be a fitting tribute to Major Foley, as well as helping to teach younger generations about the Second World War and the Holocaust.

He said Major Foley, who also served in the First World War, was a 'true local hero' and his name deserved to be recognised and celebrated.

Born in 1884, he worked for the Foreign Office and became Head of the British Passport Control Office in Germany in the 1930s. As he watched Adolf Hitler's rise to power, he realised Jewish families were vulnerable having witnesses the racist measures introduced by the Nazis.

During his work as a passport officer, he interpreted rules on visas loosely and even forged passports enabling people to escape to Britain and Palestine.

He entered concentration camps and presented travel visas to the Nazi authorities. Mr Foley used skills picked up in the secret service to obtain false papers, passports and



The statue dedicated to Major Foley in Highbridge



Time to honour hero says Ian Austin, MP for Dudley North



The Frank Foley memorial plaque at Mary Stevens Park



Frank Foley — saved people from the camps

visas. It was only years later that the scale of his life-saving campaign came to light.

"When other European countries were sending Jews to concentration camps, Britain provided a safe haven for tens of thousands of refugees," said Mr Austin. "I think this period defines what it means to be British — our unique response to the Holocaust and role in the war gives us the right to claim a particular attached to the values of democracy,

equality, freedom, fairness and tolerance.

"Frank Foley embodies these values. His refusal to stand by when people were being singled out because of their race and religion marks him out as a true local hero."

Major Foley's efforts were not recognised during his lifetime but in 1999 the Jewish state recognised him as 'Righteous Amongst the Nations' at Yad Vashem in Israel, the same award granted to Oskar

Schindler. In 2010, Major Foley was named a British Hero of the Holocaust by the British Government.

Mr Austin said: "We have the memorial by the gate to Mary Stevens Park, but I would like to see a statue to Frank Foley so that people right across the Black Country can come and learn about him and our country's role in fighting for freedom, democracy and tolerance."

'Shabby' station is given a revamp

A RAILWAY station described as 'one of the worst' in the Black Country has been given a £40,000 revamp.

Work has been completed at Dudley Port rail station to improve facilities following concerns by passengers. Some had complained that they felt unsafe in the station and demanded improvements.

The refurbishment of a shabby subway and tired-looking waiting shelters was part of a joint project by transport authority Centro and train operator London Midland.

The work, carried out under the Transforming Rail Travel partnership, has also seen brighter lighting installed and overgrown vegetation cut back along the path between the new park and ride facility and the station itself.

Centro's lead member for rail and Metro, Councillor Roger Horton, said that this transformation was much needed.

"Dudley Port was one of the worst in the region in terms of visual appearance and passenger facilities," he said. "Yet for a relatively small amount of money we have been able to make it cleaner, brighter and more comfortable."

Charities get society boost

FIVE local good causes are celebrating after gaining donations from the Tipton and Coseley Building Society's Charitable Foundation.

The foundation has awarded cheques collectively worth more than £2,500 to Beanstalk Black Country, Christians Against Poverty, Deafblind UK, Dudley Arts Council and Sandwell Citizen Advocacy.

In addition, it has pledged to double the amount raised at the Tipton's charity golf day in July with equal amounts going to Beacon Centre for the Blind and Compton Hospice.

Open fire days

TWO fire stations will be hosting open days this summer.

Dudley Fire Station in Burton Road, is hosting its open day on July 5 between midday and 4pm. Smethwick station in Stony Lane, will be open between midday and 4pm on August 2.

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Business zone plan to revive Waterfront

FOUR firms have inquired about relocating to a once-thriving business centre which is looking to attract new companies.

The Dudley Business Investment Zone was launched at the Waterfront in Brierley Hill in a bid to fill up empty office space and bring 1,600 jobs to the region.

Under the half-a-million pound scheme started in April, firms moving to the district get a two-year break in rates. Those companies already based at the site and looking to expand can also get a discount.

Councillor Judy Foster, cabinet member for regeneration, revealed four firms had enquired about relocating.

She said: "These are still very much early days for the Dudley Business Investment but we are really encouraged by the number of enquiries we have had."

"The new zone is now up and running and is part of our clear vision for bringing more business, investment and jobs into the area."

"There are huge economic benefits for the whole of Dudley borough by firms moving into the Waterfront with the scope for an additional 1,600 jobs."

Nurse joins national body

A HEALTH campaigner from Dudley has been appointed to a national body scrutinising patient care across the country.

Retired nurse Pam Bradbury has been serving as chairman of watchdog group Healthwatch Dudley.

She has now been appointed to the organisation's national committee representing NHS services in England and is one of six new committee members joining Healthwatch England.

A registered general nurse, she retired from the NHS last year.

In touch cheaper

TRAIN operator London Midlands is changing its helpline number tomorrow to make it cheaper for customers to get in touch.

The new number will be 0344 811 0133.

A voicemail message will be played on the old number, 0844 811 0133.

Revamp of market place is well under way

MARKET stall holders in Dudley are settling into their temporary home as the next stage of work begins on the revamp of the historic market place.

The town's market traders can now be found on the opposite side of the fountain, with an overspill at Stone Street Square on busy days.

They have been moved to make way for stage two of work on the scheme, which includes the replacement of the existing market stalls.

The market will continue to operate six days a week during this period.

In other parts of the town, shoppers are being reminded by the council that they are able to use certain parts of New Street for parking. Motorists are advised to use the turning area at the top of New Street to allow safe exit from New Street. New Street, Castle Street and Fisher Street remain closed to through traffic for the time being. Nine new temporary car parking spaces are to be created in Stone Street.

Once traders have moved back to their permanent location, the one hour spaces will be resurfaced and finalised to make them permanently available to visitors.

Regeneration

New signage has also been installed, directing shoppers to alternative bus stops.

Councillor Judy Foster, cabinet member for regeneration, said: "This major regeneration scheme is really starting to take shape and I think that people are starting to see

the difference in the quality and attractiveness of the materials that we are using, which will transform the heart of the town centre into a modern, vibrant and appealing place to visit.

"Over the next few days artist's impressions of what the new market place will look like once complete will be installed onto the hoardings around the construction site."

"These images will certainly help to show the vision which is fast becoming reality in the meantime."

College launches appeal over refused crossing plan

DUDLEY College is lodging an appeal after plans for an 'essential' pedestrian crossing between campus buildings was rejected.

Dudley Council refused to grant permission for a puffin crossing to be installed between the college's new Evolve site and its Broadway campus.

Councillors feared it could cause traffic queues in the town centre and went against the officers' recommendation that it should be approved. They were also concerned it would have an adverse impact on air quality.

The decision was met with fury from college chiefs who, after 18 months planning, had expected the plan to be approved.

Principal Lowell Williams said lives of students could be in danger when they cross The Broadway, whilst the crossing would provide a safe walk way for the 1,500 students who attend the centre.

He explained: "In response to the college's planning application for an essential puffin crossing on The Broadway, Dudley being rejected, additional independent noise and air quality surveys have been completed. These findings will accompany the appeal, which the college intend to lodge with the Planning Inspectorate, who deal with appeals for the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government."

He added: "The additional costs of the appeal and survey are being borne by the college. The appeal

by Heather Large

has taken time and money, which could be used to better effect."

In April, the Student Union organised a protest against the council's decision. total of 14 students took part in the demonstration wearing T-shirts with tyre marks across them, arguing that without a crossing there could be a fatality.

The proposal was first mooted last summer as the number of students and staff using g the road near the Tower Street junction 'increased dramatically'. A survey, carried out by an external consultant, suggested some form of crossing was required to reduce the risk to pedestrians.

The crossing plan follows council proposals to reduce the speed limit in the Broadway from 40mph to 30mph

Dudley Evolve opened in September 2012 and has been built on the site of the former fire station in Tower Street.

It is part of the college's £36m Learning Quarter in the town centre.

Explore urban meadows

NATURE lovers are being encouraged to head out and explore during a meadow wildlife weekend organised by the Wildlife Trust for Birmingham and the Black Country.

Despite 97 per cent of wildflower meadows being lost, many are still present in urban areas.

Four walks are planned on Saturday and Sunday, including at Portway Hill in Rowley Hills. Contact the Wildlife Trust on 0121 454 1199.



Demonstrator Jean Homer making sweets at the Black Country Living Museum

The sweet smell of success at museum

SWEET memories are being brought to life at the Black Country Living Museum.

Visitors can now watch boiled sweets being made the old fashioned way.

The attraction's sweet shop boiler has been relaunched and those with a sweet tooth can rediscover their childhood favourites.

The museum's Thomas Cook confectionary shop is a trip down memory lane for anyone who wants to relive the tastes and smells of freshly prepared Black Country 'sucks' including old favourites such as acid drops.

Shelves

When she is not busy counting out pear drops, heritage shop demonstrator Jean Homer, 63, has the important task of making sweet mixture from scratch to fill the traditional glass jars that line the shelves.

Mrs Homer, a retired nursery nurse from West Bromwich, explains that since the skill of sugar boiling has been revived at the Tipton Road museum, older visitors are drawn in to relive their own childhood memories.

Demonstrations take place at least twice a day at the museum.

NEWS in brief

MEP is offering to help local charities

A NEW MEP is calling for charities and community organisations to get in touch so that he can help support them.

UKIP MEP for the West Midlands Bill Etheridge has pledged to use his time in office to help raise funds for local good causes.

The Sedgley councillor, who won his seat in Brussels last month, wants people to contact him to present their cases for receiving his backing. Contact Councillor Etheridge on 07894737884.

Choir and guest in proms event

A SUMMER proms concert will be raising the roof of Dudley Town Hall on Friday, June 27

The Voices in Harmony choir will be performing at 7pm. The group, based in Cradley Heath, has raised more than £80,000 for charities since it was formed 15 years ago.

The special guest for the evening is acclaimed singer Jonathan Veira.

Tickets, priced £12, can be booked via www.vihchoir.org or by calling (01384) 635507.

Driver in fatal crash gets bail

A DRIVER arrested after a woman was killed when hit by a car at a bus stop has been bailed by police.

Former Stourbridge student Rebecca McManus, aged 21, of Harborne Road, Oldbury, died at the scene on Hagley Road West in Bearwood from multiple injuries. A 32-year-old man has been released on bail pending further inquiries.

A second woman, also aged 21, was injured.

Stall holders are urged to sign up

PEOPLE are being urged to run stalls at an Armed Forces Day event being held near Dudley.

The event at Himley Hall on June 29 will celebrate servicemen and women. Stall holders are being encouraged to apply if they want a stand at the event. Email marcomms.cexec@dudley.gov.uk or call (01384) 818186.

Dolphins singer

WELSH singer/songwriter Martyn Joseph, whose 1990s hits included Dolphins Make Me Cry, will be performing at Stourbridge Folk Club at Katie Fitzgerald's in Envile Street on Thursday, June 26.

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IF you believe everything you read, you may think that a couple of years from now the Government is to launch a new, simple state pension of about £150 a week for everyone. Think again. And ask yourself this: with the obvious exception of politicians, has anything simple ever come out of Whitehall? Of course not. The Civil Service does not do simple. It creates magnificent careers and builds mighty empires on complexity. Consider these two statements from the Government's own website: 1) The full new State Pension will be no less than £148.40 per week. 2) The amount you get can be higher or lower depending on your National Insurance record. So in other words, you will definitely get £148.40 but, er, you might not. It all depends on private pension funds being contracted out, or in, and other bewildering stuff. Far from being simple, the New State Pension is so damn complicated that they have set up a special phone-back service to give people a pension forecast. You ring them with your details and they call back a week later with the good (or bad) news. Except that they may not. My phone-back appointment was fixed between 8-10am one morning this week. With nine minutes to go, at 9.51am a lady rang to say sorry, but the system had crashed. The next convenient date was June 23. I wonder how much of that £148.40 per week will go straight into the vast and ruinously expensive Whitehall machine.

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ALL this digital stuff is very clever but there are times when you can't beat newsprint. Newspaper articles on the D-Day 70th anniversary will be saved in millions of households and lovingly folded away with Granddad's medal ribbons and yellowing photos, in the hope that future generations will be interested. True, you can save such things on memory sticks and CDs. But technology changes and today's state-of-the-art gizmos will become about as useful as a floppy disc. Ink on paper is for ever.

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AND if you despair of today's kids ever showing interest or respect for the sacrifices of two world wars, just give them time. I recall one trip to Normandy when the middle-aged men on the coach were having a right old rant about the youth of today. It turned out that those respectable gentlemen, the salt of the earth who solemnly bowed their heads at the cemeteries had once been, without exception, Teddy Boys.

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THE European Commission says Britain should improve its economy by curbing the Help-to-Buy project and bumping up council tax. Always good to be advised by the experts, isn't it? This, of course, is the same Commission whose EU budget has yet to satisfy its own auditors and whose member states include some of the worst basket-case economies in the world. After the European Commission's advice on economics, watch out for North Korea's forthcoming lecture to Britain on canine welfare.

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IT'S official - HS2 is the work of the devil. The Church of England says this screaming 200mph behemoth will desecrate ancient graves. But who cares? The opponents would have a much stronger hand if England possessed an endangered ethnic minority of original Britons, like Australian aborigines or native Americans. If HS2 threatened their tribal burial grounds, it would be stopped in its tracks. Funny how we always take other people's religion more seriously than our own.

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THE newly refurbished terminal at Heathrow will be known as The Queen's Terminal. Sounds like a gloomy prognosis.

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Baggies top Midland league for profit

WOLVES and Aston Villa lost a total of more than £60 million in a year, new figures reveal. But West Bromwich Albion made a profit of £6.2m, the only club in the West Midlands to be in the black for the year.

Wolves' loss in 2012-13 was a direct consequence of their relegation from the Premier League which saw revenue nearly halved to £32.1m.

Villa's loss of £24m was the second highest in the Premier League in 2012-13, although their revenue of £81.7m increased by two per cent.

Football finance experts Deloitte's Annual Review of Football Finance revealed that Albion was one of only 13 clubs in the top flight to show an operating profit. Their income of up to £69.7m showed the biggest increase in the area, up to five per

cent. Walsall earned £4.8m. Villa's revenue figure of £81.7m was 10th highest in the Premier League, but six of the region's top eight clubs saw their revenue drop.

The income of Premier League clubs ranged from Manchester United with £363m to Wigan with £58m, while the average salary for a player in the top flight was £1.6m. The net debt of the Premier

League is £2.5 billion, almost two thirds (£1.6bn) of which is in the form of non-interest bearing 'soft loans' of which over 90 per cent concerns four clubs - Chelsea (£984m), Newcastle United (£266m), QPR (£166m) and Villa (£72m).

Premier League club revenue reached a record £2.52bn in 2012-13, the highest of any league in Europe.

'Lonely' jobless man in suicide

A MAN found hanged at his Stourbridge home had spiralled into depression after the loss of his job, an inquest heard.

Philip Vaughan, 54, was found dead at his home at The Broadway, Norton, on December 10. The inquest at Smethwick heard that he had mounting debts.

His friend, Mark Taylor, 39, discovered Mr Vaughan at the property. Paramedics pronounced him dead at the scene and police concluded there were no suspicious circumstances.

A note was found in which Mr Vaughan, who was divorced, said his 'mind had become a mess'. The inquest heard he had little or no contact with his family, which was linked to his drinking and depression.

Mrs Pat Johnson, organiser of Replenish food bank at St John's Church in Stourbridge told the inquest: "He became a lonely man. You could see the life draining out of him. After losing his job he couldn't cope with computers and the amount of applications the JSA (Job Seekers Allowance) demanded from him."

Senior coroner Robin Balm said cause of death was asphyxiation by hanging and concluded Mr Vaughan killed himself.

Awards for volunteers

A 92-year-old fundraiser is among the volunteers honoured by a Black Country charity.

Mary Martin, who has been raising funds for the Beacon Centre for the Blind for 20 years, was presented with a long-service award at the charity's headquarters in Sedgley. Chief executive Arwyn Jones said the charity supported more than 3,000 people each year and it would not be possible without the dedicated army of volunteers.

Also honoured were Janet Sharpe, Jane Bood, Jane Oakley and Irene Bryan.

Real ales at fair

BEERS from the award-winning Kinver Brewery will be featured in the real ales tent at the village's annual summer celebration.

Kinver Country Fair is taking place on Sunday from 10.30am. Enville Ales will also be providing brews for the event.

Secondary schools are told 'must try harder'

THE performance of secondary schools across Dudley and the wider Black Country is below the national average, according to figures from education watchdog Ofsted.

Statistics released show all four authorities in the area fall below the national benchmark of 72 per cent of schools classed as either good or outstanding.

The figures, which relate to the watchdog's crucial rating of the overall effectiveness, painted a particularly depressing picture of secondary education in Dudley.

Just 45 per cent of secondary schools in the borough are top rated with the same number of schools deemed to require improvement.

The figure represents a drop in standards of more than 20 per cent in the past five years.

Inadequate

At the time the statistics were compiled in December last year ten per cent of Dudley's secondary schools were classed as inadequate, meaning inspectors highlighted serious weaknesses during their most recent visit.

Dudley's education chief Councillor Tim Crumpton said he expected the 'deeply disappointing' figures to improve over the next 12 months.

He said: "The exam results achieved by Dudley secondary schools improved significantly in 2013 and were in-line with the national average."

by Peter Madeley

"Despite this improvement, in the past 14 months Ofsted found a number of our secondary schools were not providing a good education."

"This is deeply disappointing and we are working with these schools to support their improvement."

"Each of them has been monitored by Ofsted which has noted their progress and we anticipate most will be re-inspected over the next year and will be judged to be at least good, if not better."

"This will be a significant step in our journey to ensure every school in Dudley is a good school by the end of 2015."

Ian Austin, MP for Dudley North, criticised standards, calling them 'just not good enough'.

He said: "It's no use blaming Ofsted or looking for other excuses. I've been saying for ages that standards in too many schools are just not good enough and we as a community have got to make sure they improve."

Rorke's Drift rally cash

A DISABLED motorcycle fan from Brierley Hill helped organise a bike rally in Wales, raising more than £6,000.

More than 750 bikers were joined by forces' families for the two-day event at Brecon to commemorate the 1879 battle of Rorke's Drift in the Zulu War. The event was organised by Amanda Miles of Hawbush Road with Pete Thomas and Geoff Bishop. Fisher House and Norton House in Birmingham, which provide accommodation for wounded soldiers and their families, Brecon Military Museum, Royal British Legion Riders and the National Association for Bikers with Disabilities each receive £1,289.

New attraction takes flight



Councilor Mary Bond with 'Arran' and professional falconer Bill Pinchers, of Dudley

BIRDWATCHERS are in for a treat when Baggeridge Country Park, near Sedgley, hosts birds of prey days in the coming weeks.

Bosses at the park have worked in partnership with Dudley falconry expert William Pinchers to launch the new attraction where he will be sharing his passion of falconry with visitors.

The park is set to add 'hawk walks' as well as the birds of prey experience days. There will also be photography sessions.

South Staffordshire Council's environmental services chief Councillor Mary Bond said she was looking forward to the days becoming a regular feature at the country park.

She added: "This is a completely new and welcomed attraction to Baggeridge Country Park. The experience days are set to be both fun and educational."

For more information contact Mr Pinchers on 07507108450 or the park staff on 01902 882605.

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Family fun day to mark special day

A FREE family fun day will take place next month as part of festivities for Black Country Day.

More than 50 stalls, games and entertainment will be laid on at the Dell Stadium, Brierley Hill on July 13. The event will run from 1pm to 5pm and is in celebration of Black Country Day, officially taking place the following day.

Bouncy castles, inflatable sumo suits, a magician, a mini zoo, a soft play area and a live music tent, arranged by local singer/songwriter Zynia G. Maylyn, will all be provided free of charge.

Stage

Also on the house will be the Black Country Community Radio festival stage.

In addition, funfair rides, further activities and food will be provided by local charities, community groups and small businesses.

The four-hour community event is being organised by Corbyns Bromley Tenants and Residents Association, a Pensnett-based non-profit organisation, with funding support from Dudley Council community forums.

For more details on the fun day, go to www.blackcountrydaypensnett.co.uk

Stay in touch with island

RESIDENTS of Jamaican heritage from the Black Country are being urged to keep up-to-date with issues affecting the Caribbean island at this weekend's Jamaican Diaspora UK National Conference.

The event is on from Friday at the Centennial Centre in Birmingham followed by a service on Sunday at the New Testament Church of God, in Lozells. Advisors from the Jamaican Government will be attending.

Places can be booked for £35. Text 07931 216707 or email conference@jamaicandiasporauk.org

Country bonanza

A COUNTRY and western night hosted by a well-known musician has raised £650 for charity.

The event hosted by Bev Pegg at Hagley Community Centre was held in aid of Age Concern Stourbridge. Mr Pegg has raised more than £24,000 so far.

Plans in pipeline to improve bus station

PLANS are in the pipeline to improve Dudley bus station following the launch of talks between regional transport bosses.

Centro has started discussions with Dudley Council about future work to the 27-year-old station.

The council has said redevelopment would provide the town with a modern bus station similar to one recently opened in Stourbridge.

Centro spokesman Peter Cameron said: "There are currently no set plans to replace the station, however we are working with Dudley Council to look at ways in which it

could be further enhanced for passengers in the future, either through refurbishment or redevelopment.

"These considerations are in the very early stages, and of course such plans need to be extremely detailed and consider not only the implications on the current environment but also any possible future developments such as further extensions to the Midland Metro."

Councillor Khurshid Ahmed, cabinet member for transportation at Dudley Council, said: "Initial discussions are already taking place with Centro in relation

to a proposed redevelopment of Dudley bus station which would be similar to the new modern bus station in Stourbridge.

"This would be a significant investment in local infrastructure and the council is looking forward to receiving Centro's proposals."

Petition

It comes in the same week a petition was launched, calling for the bus station to be rebuilt. The campaign by The People of Dudley features an open letter to Councillor Ahmed, describing the station a 'disgrace'.

Mr Cameron said: "More than 500,000 buses use Dudley bus station each year and any potential risks of the station are regularly assessed."

"The number of incidents at the station is historically low and we have also introduced a variety of additional control measures to help ensure the safety of those using the station."

Councillor Ahmed said: "While the planning work is clearly already underway, we will ensure Centro take into account the views made in any petition or representation from local residents."

Russells Hall was given 'contaminated' baby feed

HOSPITALS in Dudley and Birmingham received suspected contaminated batches of a food supplement linked to the death of one baby and the illness of 14 others.

Bosses at Russells Hall Hospital and Heartlands Hospital said that no babies in their care had been given the alleged contaminated treatment. It comes as babies in nine hospitals across England developed septicaemia after being infected with the bacterium known as *Bacillus cereus*.

A baby died from blood poisoning at Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust, in London. Public Health England 'strongly linked' the cases with a batch of intravenous liquid called parenteral nutrition made by London-based ITH Pharma. It has emerged that the suspected contaminated batch of fluid had been sent to 22 hospitals including Dudley and Birmingham.

Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust chief executive Paula Clark confirmed that Russells Hall did receive a single unit of feed from the batch in question which comes in two doses. She said: "The feed comes in two parts, and the baby who received it was given just one part; they did not receive the part which is under suspicion. Tests have been carried out as a precaution and we can confirm that the baby has not been infected with the bacterium."

"We can therefore confirm that there are no babies at Russells Hall Hospital affected by the problem."

Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust, which runs Heartlands, confirmed it was issued with the affected feed. Spokeswoman Nikki Boileau added: "We can confirm no babies have been affected and this product is no longer being used within our hospital."

Recording a verdict of accidental death, senior coroner Robin Balmain, said: "This demonstrates not only the obvious dangers of inhaling hairspray and other substances but also, that if you do that while you're smoking, a fatality can happen."

Final rallying for the Race for Life



Sea of pink – thousands of women line-up to take part in the Race for Life every year across the West Midlands

WOMEN are needed to fill the last few hundred places for Race for Life events in the Black Country as organisers of the huge charity events issued a last-ditch rallying cry for support.

Every year, thousands of women don pink to run or walk the 5k route to help raise hundreds of thousands of pounds to fund vital research into cancer.

But organisers at Cancer Research UK have revealed that several hundred still need to sign up to ensure

events in Dudley and Wolverhampton are fully subscribed.

Organisers aims for up to 2,300 to take part in the Race for Life in Wolverhampton's West Park on Wednesday, June 18, at 7.30pm.

Boost

Hundreds of spaces remain for the afternoon Race for Life being held at Dudley's Himley Hall on July 13 at 3pm.

A Race for Life taking place that

morning is full but spaces remain for the afternoon event to help boost the number to 1,700.

Meanwhile, Stafford Race for Life, being held at the town's Country Showground on July 8, is still seeking runners to take part.

Both Dudley and Wolverhampton Race for Life events hit their participation targets last year, while Stafford fell just shy.

People can sign up for the events at www.raceforlife.org

NEWS in brief

Nominations for an NHS governor

THERE is just a few days left for people to nominate themselves or someone else to become a public governor for the Black Country Partnership NHS Foundation Trust.

Vacancies are open for governors across Walsall, Wolverhampton, Dudley and Sandwell.

Residents over the age of 16 with an interest in healthcare are invited to apply.

Nominations close on Monday. Call 08000 130 103

Brownies to mark their centenary

NEARLY 1,500 Brownies are expected to celebrate the organisation's centenary at a party in the grounds of a stately home.

West Mercia Brownies, which is made up of girls aged between seven and 10 from Wolverhampton and the Black Country, will mark the Big Brownie Birthday at Weston Park near Wolverhampton on June 28.

They will take part in circus skills, science and adventure challenges and there will be a pop concert.

Vikings invade village for fair

VIKINGS will make an appearance at a village country fair near Stourbridge on Sunday

Kinver will hold the traditional annual event which will also feature a Viking village with blacksmith.

There will also be heavy horses, a dog show, musicians, dancers and beer tent, all in the centre of the village from 10.30am to around 5.30pm.

Cyclists can take part in challenge

CYCLISTS are being encouraged to saddle up for a charity bike ride to help an air ambulance.

The ride from Birmingham to Oxford takes place on July 6 and proceeds will go towards Midlands Air Ambulance. The 77-mile ride is open to anyone over the age of 16. Registration costs £24. Visit www.bike-events.co.uk.

Parking patrols

POLICE are stepping up patrols around a school following complaints over inconsiderate parking.

Officers will also be handing out leaflets to parents at Maidensbridge School in Wall Heath.

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IN MY VIEW

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ONE of the men at the centre of the Trojan Horse scandal, where certain schools in Birmingham are alleged to have been infiltrated by Muslim extremists, is an Australian called Sheikh Shady.

Of course, if true, the allegations are no laughing matter. But if you want to be taken seriously as an international preacher of hate, isn't it better to change your name to something that doesn't make you sound like an Eminem tribute act?

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MORE words of wisdom from the ever lovable Katie Hopkins, who has decided to target Britain's old folk with her latest diatribe. Apparently, they get in her way, particularly when fumbling for their change in the supermarket, and says 'society has tried giving old people the hint that they are not wanted.'

"What's the point in living longer if all we're going to do is get in the way or sit in expensive nursing homes unable to recognise our own reflection in the mirror?", she asks, adding that she hopes to be 'bumped off' before she ever reaches old age.

Now how does the old saying go - prevention is better than cure?

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DRINKING red wine improves your memory, according to a new study by a university with a very long name in Berlin. The study added that it can improve short-term recall and increase concentration.

Meanwhile, drinking lots of beer can...sorry, what was I saying? Oh yes, drinking red wine improves your memory.

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Professor Sara Mills, a discourse researcher at Sheffield Hallam University, said pupils could instead refer to their teachers by their first names.

I don't know what a 'discourse researcher' is, but I would imagine it is something along the lines of a teacher who doesn't actually teach. Well not children, anyway.

But while the battle lines are now being drawn between the 'progressives' and the 'traditionalists', has nobody ever thought that the sensible course of action would be somewhere in the middle.

How about teachers tell the youngsters what their full names are, and then explain to them that they have to address them as 'Sir' or 'Miss' because the teachers are figures of authority, and the pupils are their subordinates?

Giving the children a lesson in the conventions they will have to adhere to in life outside the classroom is surely more useful than inviting them to take part in a guessing game about 'what Miss is really called'.



D-Day vetran of Gold beach, Ken Reynolds from Hednesford, aged 90



The Princess Royal receives a salute from veterans during the Drumhead service on Southsea Common



The Princess Royal during the Drumhead service on Southsea Common in Hampshire

D-Day veterans in heroes' return

Veterans returned to the scene to mark 70 years since D-Day. **DANIEL WAINWRIGHT** reports

A SPITFIRE plane escorted a group of West Midlands war veterans back to Normandy for the 70th anniversary of the D-Day landings.

Meanwhile others who went to France were greeted as heroes by schoolchildren who wanted to pose for pictures with them.

Ken Reynolds, aged 90, from Hednesford, Geoff Ensor, 90, of Merry Hill, Wolverhampton, 88-year-old Ron Davies from Walsall and Frank Corbett from Bloxwich were part of a group of 31 people flown into Normandy in 10 private jets organised by the millionaire advertising agency boss Trevor Beattie.

And as a special surprise the veterans were accompanied part of the way by a Spitfire.

Milestone

Funds were raised through Birmingham-born Mr Beattie's charity, the Jack and Ada Beattie Foundation.

Working with comedian Eddie Izzard, Mr Beattie helped to raise funds to make sure veterans could make the trip back for the milestone occasion.

Another group of six West Midlands war veterans also travelled over with a group from the ACE Academy in Tipton.

Joe Davies, a 91-year-old former police superintendent from Compton, served with the Royal Army Service Corps.

He spent last Thursday in Arromanches where children ran up to veterans and asked to kiss them on the cheek.



The Prince of Wales meets Normandy veterans of the Glider Pilot Regiment at Pegasus Bridge, Normandy

He said: "It's very emotional. It is a fantastic atmosphere and I've never seen anything like it.

"There are so many people who have wanted to take photographs with us.

"Children have been coming up to say 'thank you very much'. We're going to Caen where we will lay wreaths.

"It is our privilege and honour to be here."

Others with Mr Davies were Arthur Jones, aged 88 from Pendeford, 91-year-old Stanley Caldicott, from Warley, who served with the RAF, and Dennis Moodie, also 91 and from Lichfield, who

was a Royal Artillery wireless operator with the 94th field regiment and Dennis Thompson, aged 88 and from Muxton in Telford.

The 70th anniversary of D-Day proved the last formal event for the Normandy Veterans Association.

On Thursday, the Princess Royal led tributes to the heroes who took part and the many who died in the landings in 1944.

Anne, commodore in chief of the Royal Navy in the Portsmouth area, attended a drumhead service on Southsea Common, Portsmouth, along with vet-

erans and serving members of the armed forces. It included a demonstration of a beach assault by British Marines and their Dutch counterparts.

Following a rendition of the Last Post, a silence was held to remember those who died in the landings and the service concluded with the National Anthem.

Matthew Guymer, 90, a former Mayor of Stafford, who served as a major with the 11th Hussars Prince Albert's Own, said: "I think it's the last time I will be able to come down at my age. I am very proud and I am delighted to have the opportunity to meet the other veterans."

POLITICS

WITH
DANIEL
WAINWRIGHT



I don't suppose you get much time for reading," one MP said to me this week.

It turns out this particular Parliamentarian, speaking off the record, does at the moment.

I've been recommended the Robert Harris novel, *An Officer And A Spy*, which the anonymous MP has managed to race through thanks to an unusually long prorogation of Parliament (if we were unkind we might say 'holiday').

When Her Majesty's official State Opening of Parliament contained a speech of merely 10 minutes there were claims that the Coalition Government had 'run out of steam'. But with an election next year the Coalition also cannot risk running out of time for any crucial legislation to get through both Houses.

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Labour MP Ian Austin has called for a referendum on Europe to be held before the next election.

His stance is at odds with his own party, which only considers a referendum necessary if there is a transfer of powers to Brussels. Like it or not, the rise of UKIP means the Tories and eventually Labour are going to have to grasp this nettle. David Cameron says he'll do it by the end of 2017 but only if he wins the next election.

Dudley North MP Ian Austin's plan, while not popular with either of the big parties, would mean whoever wins next year governs knowing whether or not they are going to have to withdraw Britain from the union. If the referendum is delayed, the next five years will mean the Government having to come up with a plan for each eventuality.

Well at least it would give them something to do.

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Dudley South MP Chris Kelly has extended an olive branch to newly-elected Labour and UKIP councillors and offered to work with them. He's sent his contact details and even goes far enough to say what many Tories dare not: "UKIP are our political cousins."

UKIP loves to say how it takes votes off Labour as much as from the Tories, evidenced by its council seat gains in areas like Coseley.

The big picture shows it's the Tories who suffer most. Tony Blair won three terms because he appealed to the centre ground, as opposed to core Labour supporters. What Chris Kelly is doing now is talking about how he shares 'somewhere in the region of three-quarters of the views of the UKIP councillors elected'.

He will have to avoid appearing to dilute the things that attracted former Labour voters to him in the first place. But if the Tories want to neutralise UKIP the election will be fought not on the centre ground, but on common ground.

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Boycott Malta call over birds slaughter

THERE has been a lot of press recently regarding the slaughter of migrating birds as they try to rest on the island of Malta on their journey from Africa to Europe, many destined for the British Isles.

These so-called Maltese 'sportsmen' shoot hundreds of thousands of birds every year, from tiny warblers to large birds of prey. The naturalist Chris Packham recently tried to film the slaughter to publicize it, but was arrested by Maltese police.

It seems to me the only way to stop this murder is to boycott Malta as a holiday destination.

Just don't go there. Tourism is the major industry on Malta. Let's hit them where it hurts until they stop. Bizarrely they can legally shoot the fast disappearing Turtle Dove. Once a common resident in the UK it is now very scarce and declining rapidly. Anyone who has heard the purring call of this completely harmless bird will understand why it should not be shot for fun.

What is it with people who hunt and shoot harmless wildlife that cannot fight back?
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Thank you for helping children

THE 465 people in the West Midlands who give up their time to support The Children's Society's vital work to fight childhood poverty and neglect are part of a movement of almost 11,000 amazing volunteers across the country.

Last week marked the 30th anniversary of Volunteers' Week and I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to every individual in the West Midlands who volunteers their time, energy and skills. Volunteers have been absolutely integral to the work of The Children's Society since we started over 130 years ago.

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EU leaders aim to subjugate Britain

DURING recent weeks, owing to certain reports in the media, I have found myself contemplating the time that the then Prime Minister Edward Heath took us boldly into what the majority of us looked upon as a trading agreement with the rest of Europe.

I wonder if anyone then had ever envisaged a time when Frau Merkel and her French cronies would demand that the UK should alter its laws (civil and tax) in order to fit in with their interpretation of what our continued membership of the EU should be.

How dare they have the effrontery to make any demands on us at all.

It appears to me that these demands have less to do with the furtherance of

the European Union than they have to bring about the total subjugation of the British Isles.

That is something that their predecessors, Napoleon Bonaparte and Adolph Hitler, failed abysmally to accomplish.

It is high time that our craven leaders grew a spine and told these unelected Eurocrats where to go.

Just for once Dave, how about keeping one of your promises. Let us have a straight forward, no strings attached, in or out referendum.

Is it any wonder that UKIP is making such inroads into the electorate?

B PARSONS
Coseley

Repeated TV rubbish

WHY are we having so many repeats on TV? The BBC, licence fee £150 a year, keep repeating 'Flog It', and then there are the repeats which they have sold to Freeview channels, who get their income from adverts, without incurring costs to actually produce new programmes.

The Beeb also repeat 'Homes under the Hammer' with auctions going back to 2005. On Channel 46, Freeview, 'The Chase' showed the Queen's last birthday as 84; she is 88.

I must know all the answers to Who Wants to be a Millionaire.

Auntie also screened 'I love 1973'.

Presenter Noddy Holder said it was nearly 30 years ago, so this repeat is over 10 years old. I thought broadcasters had regulators, maybe they are too busy watching repeats.

R W WHITE
Wigmore

Dogs rescued from death

I WOULD like to say thank you to everyone who donated food, blankets, etc, and financial support to my recent appeal to help dogs in Romania.

The charity has collected everything that was donated and it will be in Romania now. Your donations are being given to a lady and her daughter who have in their home almost 100 dogs from the killing pounds.

Our appeal for food, blankets, bedding and financial support for vet's bills is always appreciated.

MARION FISHER
Dudley Animal Rescue

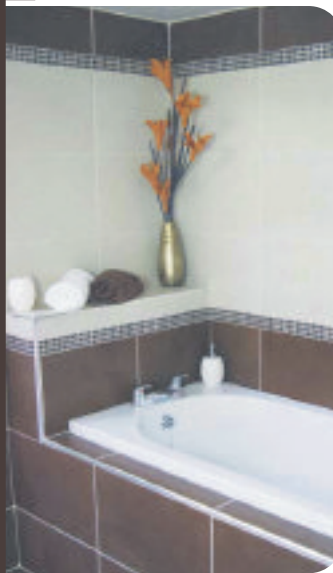
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Celebrations with belly dance group

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MRS Ursula McInnes welcomed everyone to the 55th birthday celebrations.

Annie Woods was presented with the Lanfear Trophy for her work in sending birthday and get well cards to members throughout the year. They are very much appreciated.

Platters of food were arranged at each table with cupcakes and drinks to complete the buffet which was most enjoyable. The entertainment was the Karen Price Dance Group of Belly dancers who were dressed in exotic costumes and performed rhythmic dances.

The Gardening Group visited Waterdale Garden in Compton, a lovely unusual garden with many different plants and shrubs and paths leading to a grotto lined with shell pictures. The coffee and cakes were excellent.

Social Studies speaker was Derek Wharton with the subject of "Puppets from around the World". From a young child, he and his sister had a puppet theatre and made up stories and put on concerts in their back garden for friends.

They had been on television in the Tingha & Tucker children's programme and from then on, Mr Wharton had collected puppets, some he had made himself and others bought from around the world as he travelled and went on cruises.

On June 25, Iain Watkins will give a talk on the Grand Theatre past and present.

Meetings are held at Penn United Community Hall, Penn Road at 7.15pm.

Ernest and Mary under the spotlight

KINGSWINFORD & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

AT the June the club welcomed back the Stourbridge historian Roy Peacock.

He told the meeting of the achievements and donations of Ernest Stevens and his wife Mary.

Ernest was born in Lye of humble beginnings but by his determination and salesmanship he became a wealthy manufacturer of cookware. From iron to enamelled saucepans the 'Judge' brand became famous worldwide.

He and his wife were Methodists and through their generosity gave the people of Stourbridge the parks in Quarry Bank, Wollaston and of course Mary Stevens park in Stourbridge.

He provided the Mary Stevens Maternity Home and the Amblecote Memorial Sports ground.

The Society meets at the Community Centre, High Street, Kingswinford, on the first Monday in the month at 7.30pm.

The next meeting is on July 7 when Max Clifford will be telling about 'The Development of the Nailor's Cottage'.

New members and visitors are always welcome, tea and biscuits are provided after the meeting.

New club hears pros and cons of GM crops

WULFRUNIAN LADIES WI

WULFRUNIAN Ladies WI is a new group, formed in March of 2013 and based at the Old Wulfrunians Club in Castlecroft.

At the last monthly meeting, the speaker was George Lee, who talked about the pros and cons of GM crops. Members heard that GM growing is banned in Europe but that certain animal feeds contain GM soya.

George explained that the biggest problem we face are worldwide shortages of food and that conventional farming methods overuse fertilisers which wash into soil, and organic growers produce significantly less than we need which ultimately will result in food shortages.

Knitting

It was an interesting and thought provoking talk.

On a much lighter note, the club will be having a belly dancing demonstration at its next meeting as well as a talk about knitting for newborns.

Wulfrunian Ladies WI meet once a month at Old Wulfrunians Social Club.

Anyone interested in joining is asked to email wulfrunianladies@outlook.com or call Amy on 07974572689.

See and hear quiz challenge

MYTIME OVER FIFTIES

THE May meeting began with the See and Hear quiz masterminded by Ray Sturdy.

The quiz was presented with both visual and audio questions which taxed their brains, brought back memories, made them laugh and also feel sad at the passing of time.

By taking part in Mr Sturdy's quiz, a donation was raised for Cancer Research.

MyTime Over Fifties meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month in the Amblecote

Room at Stourbridge Town Hall at 2pm, with interesting speakers, a cup of tea and a chat.

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£1.6m sports hall boost for students at academy

THEY were unable to play matches indoors at school and had to use dining rooms for PE lessons.

But now staff and students have celebrated a brighter sporting future as £1.6 million facilities were opened at Holly Hall Academy in Dudley.

Football, basketball and badminton are among the sports catered for and can be enjoyed by pupils at the school.

A modern fitness suite packed with treadmills, exercise bikes, cross-trainers and weights machines has also been created. Yet the facilities will not just be for sporting excellence, as staff hope to teach students a range of healthy lifestyle tips. An outdoor gym, similar to others built in parks in Dudley and outside Russells Hall Hospital, has also been installed.

Dance

Changing facilities have been created at the sports centre on the academy site in Scotts Green Close, Holly Hall. Part of the money has also gone towards creating a modern dance studio with a sprung floor.

Building work was completed over the past 12 months after Holly Hall was given cash through a Government-backed fund.

Workers from Deeleys Construction have completed the building work with the support of architect Andrew Langley of BNP Paribas.

Principal Graham Lloyd, who has been at the school for more than a decade, said staff and pupils were delighted with the transformation.

"The facilities we had here were not up to standard before and we have worked hard to get to this stage so it is fantastic," he said.

"It is absolutely essential for an academy of this size to have these facilities. We didn't have a place previously to host basketball match so



Chairman of governors Michael Price plays badminton with principal Graham Lloyd



Spring fever — students try out the new dance studio at Holly Hall School

we had to hire sports hall at another school. Now we have got great sports facilities. Part of our mission is also about health minds and healthy bodies so we want to do lessons on healthy living and keeping fit."

The school had previously been struggling because the old sports hall had suffered severe water damage resulting in £30,000 repairs. The

opening of the sports hall follows the completion of a new design and technology block at the school in 2006.

Plans to build an outdoor all-weather pitch, which would be created on land near the sports hall, won approval from planners at Dudley Council but the funding application for around £500,000 failed to be approved by Government officials.



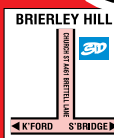
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Refurbished

A spokesman for the well-established family firm said: "At Alan Warwick we started a refurbishment plan, five years ago.

"Since then we have refurbished seven of our 12 shops, and we intend to refurbish all of our shops by 2016."

He explained that the latest two shops, in Great Bridge and Bloxwich, have both been given a

COMMERCIAL FEATURE



The Bloxwich premises which was given a five-star rating

five-star rating from environmental health chiefs.

"This cements our future in the high street, and proves that there is still life left in the high street. But these days you have got to raise your game, as shoppers expect better, and better, and better."

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Fund's £4,600 hospice boost

A HOSPICE has received a donation of more than £4,600 which will be used to buy privacy screens for patients.

Stourbridge's Mary Stevens Hospice has received the cash boost from the Hospital Saturday Fund, which supports medical charities. The total amount of the donation is £4,638.

Trustee for the fund John Randel visited the hospice, in Hagley Road, to meet with the charity's chief executive Stevan Jackson.

Mr Jackson said: "The hospice is extremely delighted to receive this generous donation which will help improve patient privacy and preserve dignity, two fundamentals of hospice care."

The hospice provides palliative care, symptom control and therapy for people living with life limiting illnesses as well as providing dedicated support for their families and carers.

Still scared of needle after 100 donations



Prolific blood donor Joe Egan, 63, is still squeamish

HE admits to still be scared of needles but that has never stopped Joe Egan donating blood —105 times to be exact.

The parcel sorter from West Bromwich was given an engraved glass award for reaching 100 donations at a ceremony held by the NHS Blood and Transplant service at Villa Park.

But Mr Egan, aged 63, says he still has to look away when providing blood from his arm. "You'd have thought I'd be okay with it by now, but I still have to look away," said Mr Egan, who lives in Kelvin Way.

"It never stops me, though. Instead, I think about the good I am doing for someone who desperately needs something I have plenty of."

"Why wouldn't someone not want to take the opportunity to save someone's life? I think it's wonderful."

Mr Egan was born and grew up in Castlereagh in County Roscommon in Ireland. But he struggled to find employment and came over to England to live and work in Dudley Port. Now he works for parcel delivery firm Yodel in Wednesbury.

Store helps with care home outings

A SUPERMARKET has donated almost £500 to a care home in the Sedgley. Waitrose, off Penn Road in Wolverhampton, donates £1,000 per month to the community and this is split between three causes. Last month it selected The Firs Residential Care in Gospel End for a £470 cheque.

It will be used to towards a trip to a seaside resort and a narrow boat trip planned for July. Residents were invited to Waitrose to collect the cheque and were treated to tea, coffee and biscuits in its coffee shop.

The Firs is a 47-bed home that caters for the needs of the elderly residents and residents with disabilities from Alzheimer's disease, vascular dementia, mental health, physical disability and learning disability.

Activities co-ordinator Mandy Rogers said: "This money is immensely important. We care for people with dementia and it is important that they get out and about and back into society. We thank Waitrose for helping us."

Married mother-of-three had sex with a schoolboy

A MOTHER-of-three entered into a sexual relationship with a teenage schoolboy and has since given birth to his child, a court was told.

Helen Cartwright initially embarked on a friendship with the 15-year-old but Wolverhampton Crown Court was told their liaisons, initially involving 'hugging and kissing', became more intimate in May last year. Cartwright had sex with the youth in her marital bed at her home on the Russells Hall estate in Dudley.

Cartwright, of Langstone Road, pleaded guilty to sexual activity with

a child under the age of 16. The court heard the 42-year-old has since continued her relationship with the boy and is now the mother of their five-month old baby.

Cartwright was sentenced to two years in prison suspended for two years, with a two-year supervision order.

She was placed on the Sex Offenders Register for 10 years.

The defendant, who had lived with her husband and children, was warned by a judge that she was fortunate to escape immediate custody.

Ms Sati Ruck, prosecuting, told the court: "It was the boy who instigated

the sexual relationship when he slept with the defendant in her own bed."

Cartwright was arrested after Social Services were contacted and the matter was reported to the police. During a police interview she admitted knowing the boy was underage.

"Her husband suffered a stroke five years ago which has left him bedridden," continued Ms Ruck.

Ms Sharonjit Bahia, defending, said: "There are exceptional mitigating factors. She has had much to cope with in her family life. At the time of the incident the complainant was eight weeks away from his 16th birthday. Their relationship is now considered legal."



Helen Cartwright, 42

999 call over an ice cream

ONE woman took her dismay over a lack of sprinkles on her ice cream a step too far by dialling 999 to report the 'crime'.

West Midlands Police revealed the one minute emergency phone call made last week in which the woman tells the operator that an ice cream man only put sprinkles on one side of her ice cream. She says: "The person has basically given me an ice cream, put bits on one side and none on the other." She goes on to say that she asked for her money back but he refused.

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EVERYONE in Dudley knows that I've been calling for an EU referendum for more than a year now, and seven out of ten local people agree with me that we should have a referendum at the earliest opportunity.

Whether you want to stay in Europe or pull out, we need a proper debate about the decisions that are taken in Brussels on Britain and the jobs that depend on our membership of the EU and we need to make our minds up once and for all.

People don't trust David Cameron's promise of a referendum in 2017. In fact he's not able to make promises about what the next Parliament would do, so it should come as no surprise that there was no mention of it in the Queen's Speech.

That's why I stood up in the House of Commons after the Queen's Speech last Wednesday to call for an EU referendum before the next election. I was the only MP to stand up and say we should have a proper debate and get on with it now.

Politicians in Westminster might not agree with me but it's my job to go to London and speak up for people here in Dudley.

One of the best things about my job is getting to work and trying to support charities and volunteers working hard to improve things in Dudley. Over the last few weeks I've tried to help volunteers at the Dudley Counselling Centre at Salop Street, St John's Church Preservation Society at Kates Hill and Summit House Support. I've

THE WAY I SEE IT

Dudley North Labour MP Ian Austin takes the stand in our weekly Chronicle column which gives our local representatives the chance to air their views

'I was the only MP to stand up and say we should have a proper debate and get on with it now'

visited CHADD Housing Association's Foyer Project, which does brilliant work with local young people, and the St Thomas Network which helps so many people.

City Can Cycle at the Sycamore Centre is a brilliant project refurbishing bikes for local people. The team that run it are phenomenal people. I've helped them in the past by raising money and giving them bikes and parts I don't need and I'm urging anyone who has a bike they no longer use to make sure it gets a new lease of life by donating it. I'm also appealing to bike shops to help. You can get in touch by emailing citycancycle@yahoo.com.

Parents across the borough will share my concern

at new statistics last week showing that youngsters in Dudley have a smaller chance of going to a school rated good or outstanding than anywhere else in the Black Country.

We've got to get behind heads and teachers working hard to improve schools. Look at Ellowes Hall. A few years ago, just 35 per cent of pupils got five good GCSEs. Thanks to a new head and a real focus on standards, more than eight out of 10 get those grades. I've recently been to Dormston and Priory Primary School which were put in special measures and I'm confident they are improving fast. I don't see why every school should not be aiming to be a good or outstanding school.

I think we're as good as anyone and the results at Ellowes show that our schools can do just as well as any in the country.

These figures underline the need for all of us – the council, parents and the community in general – to make education our number one priority. We will only attract the new investment and jobs on which the Black Country's prosperity depends if we have the skills new industries need. I think we should set a target for Dudley and the Black Country to have the biggest improvement in schools standards in the country.

In last week's Queen's Speech, the Government set out its plans for the next twelve months. It the opportunity to address some of the issues that people in Dudley and the rest of the country feel are being ignored but I'm afraid David Cameron had precious little to say on bringing new jobs to areas like the Black Country, improving the NHS and helping families still struggling to make ends meet.

Instead it's going to take a Labour government to help struggling families by increasing the minimum wage, expanding childcare, freezing energy bills and bringing in a jobs guarantee for unemployed young people.

It's also the only way to get investment into areas like Dudley with new regional banks to boost the local economy and long term reforms to get 200,000 homes built every year by 2020.

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Queen's award for helpful Hope Centre



Celebrating the award are members of the Hope Centre team, from left, Louise Owen, Camilla Phillips and Wendy Riley VOLUNTEERS at a Halesowen centre which helps more than 100 residents across Dudley borough every week are celebrating a royal honour.

The Hope Centre will be presented with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the equivalent of an MBE, at a special ceremony.

It was officially announced the centre, in Andrew Road, had been honoured with the accolade being celebrated this week by volunteers and users of the centre.

Representatives were due to attend the Queen's garden party this week and will be presented with the award at a later date.

The centre was set up in 2010 as a meeting place and advice centre for residents. It is used by between 80 and 140 people every week needing help with a range of problems.

Sewer blockages up 50 per cent in Black Country

SEWER blockages have increased by 50 per cent over the last four months according to new figures.

Bosses at water firm Severn Trent say householders in the Black Country are putting everything from nappies and razors to medicines and oil down their plugholes and toilets.

The company says it has seen a spike of 50 per cent in blocked sewers between November last year and March. They had 207 reports of blockages in November while a total of 312 blockages were reported in March. Residents are being urged to dispose of household items properly rather than via sinks and toilets.

Severn Trent Water waste water manager, James Jesic, says: "Sewer blockages in the Black Country have increased by a huge

number over the last few months. This is caused by people putting things down their toilets and sinks which they're not supposed to.

"Sewers are only designed to cope with toilet paper and human waste. So some of the things people throw down the toilet, like sanitary products or nappies, can easily snag on the inside of a pipe and block it. Some of the sewer pipes are only a few inches wide, any fats or oils that people throw down their sink can build up on the inside of it, clogging it up, even if they rinse it off with boiling water."

The company has a list of items that it wants people to dispose of via a bin. It includes fat, oil and grease, kitchen roll, cleansing wipes, cotton wool, nappies, razors, medicines, dental floss, underwear and tights.

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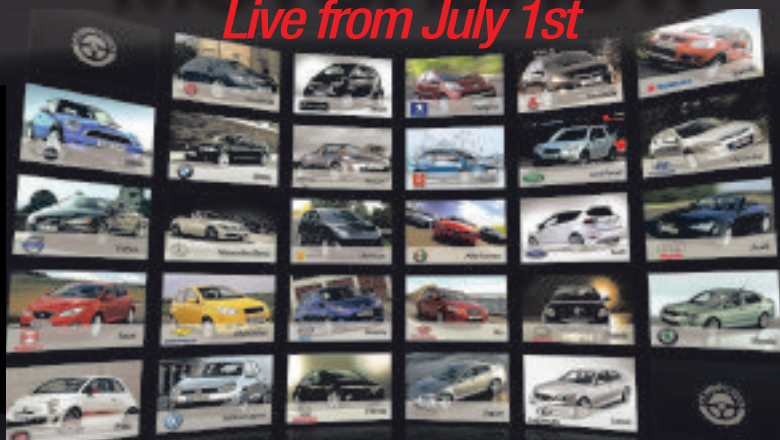
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Businessman is jailed for misleading investors

A BUSINESSMAN who made false claims about his background and finances to dupe people to invest in his animated film company has been jailed for three years.

David Murray Griffiths had said he was a multi-millionaire and claimed to have worked for British inventor Sir Clive Sinclair. He was convicted of four charges, one of fraud and three of deception involving £840,000 lost by the victims.

At Birmingham Crown Court last week 50-year-old Griffiths, previously of Oulton, near Cleobury Mortimer, was said to have told "significant lies" to potential investors in his children's TV show business.

Wealth

Investors pumped money into Inspire GLG Ltd and six other companies to produce children's animated TV shows.

Judge Roderick Henderson said Griffiths' key untruths were about his own personal wealth - that he was a multi-millionaire. "In that context it would have been a re-assuring factor to a potential investor that the man in charge was wealthy and able to take up the slack in funding and preserve the enterprise," he said.

He said the business had not been a complete sham and investors had lost their money because Griffiths had tried to develop more and more programmes in a reckless way. "These people lost their money primarily because you are not a very good businessman," said the judge.

The jury cleared him of 27 similar charges of fraud and deception but were unable to reach verdicts on three other counts which the judge ordered to lie on the file.

Griffiths, now of Rye, East Sussex, had denied 16 charges of fraud by false



David Griffiths lied about his wealth

representation and 18 allegations of deception between 2004 and 2009.

Griffiths' co-accused, 49-year-old Simon Drew, originally from Stourbridge, was cleared of all 34 charges.

Mr Drew in 2004 was a successful financial advisor running his own business and had just moved into the Shropshire village of Oulton with his then partner, Alice Ditcham. The couple invited neighbours, including David Griffiths and his wife Corrine, to a barbecue.

As the two men became friends Griffiths saw the opportunity to exploit Mr



Simon Drew says Griffiths used him

Drew's reputation to raise money. Mr Drew was employed as a consultant on a £100,000 contract and set about getting clients, friends and family to invest in Griffiths' plans. By 2009 the prospect of the investors getting any return had all but disappeared.

"I had regarded David as a friend and I believed in him 100 per cent," said Mr Drew, who was cleared of all allegations. "Now I feel I was also a victim. I was groomed by him to bring in the money using my connections and reputation."

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Chief in plea to public over firefighters' strike

FIRE chiefs in the West Midlands say they will be implementing 'tried and tested' contingency arrangements to keep the region as safe as possible when firefighters go on strike today.

Firefighters across the country will stage their latest 24-hour walkout today from 9am. A seven-hour strike is also planned to run from 10am to 5pm on Saturday, June 21.

The action is being taken because of a national pensions dispute between the Fire Brigades Union and the Government.

Paul Burnham, area commander with WMFS, said: "Although this is the first 24-hour strike in the national dispute, we'll be implementing our tried and tested contingency arrangements to keep the West Midlands as safe as possible."

Suspended

"Public safety is central to our plans, and 999 calls will still be answered as normal. However, it won't be 'business as usual', as we'll be focusing all of our efforts on responding to emergencies using operational staff who aren't striking."

"Our daily prevention, education and community work will have to be suspended for the duration of the strike."

He added: "Of course, Thursday evening sees the start of the World Cup when lots of families and friends will be tuning in for the Brazil versus Croatia game."

"If you're travelling before or after the match, please don't drink-drive."

"I'd like to make a direct appeal to pubs and entertainment venues hosting World Cup-related events to put staff and customer safety at the top of their list."

The commander added: "Throughout the World Cup we're urging people to 'play it safe' and to keep an eye on safety as well as the ball."

Stars out at Merry Hill



He's behind you — Peter Andre's attraction is no mystery at Merry Hill

PETER Andre and Towie star Amy Childs pulled in the crowds when they appeared at the Merry Hill shopping centre.

Hundreds of fans queued for the chance to get a glimpse of Australian heartthrob Andre as he signed copies of his new album.

He wasn't the only famous face at the shopping mall, with Amy Childs from The Only Way Is Essex also making an appearance to advertise her new clothing range. It was all part of a publicity drive by new owners of the shopping centre Intu.

Andre, promoting his swing music album Big Night and new fragrance range Forever, chatted and waved to the crowd as well as posing for pictures with fans. Hundreds queued up to meet the 41-year-old father-of-three who won the hearts of fans with his debut song in the 1990s Mysterious Girl.

Amy Childs was promoting her fashion range. The former Celebrity Big Brother contestant was also celebrating her 24th birthday and was presented with a birthday cookie from Millie's Cookies.

Surge in number of child abuse calls

A LEADING charity has reported a surge in reports of child abuse cases in the West Midlands.

More than 700 people in the region have reported cases of emotional neglect and abuse to the NSPCC over the past year.

Some 491 of the cases were so serious they had to be deferred to local authorities for further action.

The number of calls is up from 319 last year, a 54 per cent increase.

Sandra McNair, NSPCC Midlands regional head of service, said: "We have seen a surge across the West Midlands in the number of people contacting the NSPCC Helpline about emotional abuse and neglect this year."

"The number of referrals increased for Wolverhampton, Walsall, Sandwell and Dudley local authorities from last year, with Wolverhampton seeing a 100 per cent increase and Sandwell just over 82 per cent. This follows the national trend. We suspect that because there have been a number of high profile local cases in the media over the last year people are now feeling a greater responsibility to report these concerns."

A total of 40 people from Wolverhampton contacted the charity to report emotional neglect or abuse in the 2013/14 year, with 30 referred to the local authority. Sandwell had the next-highest number of cases reported, followed by Walsall, Sandwell and Dudley.

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It's hard to imagine that his retired assembly worker could ever be knocked back. But failing teeth "became an embarrassment,"

she recalls. Recently she was fitted with implant-retained dentures, inspired by a newspaper article on Steven Burchell's work at the Denture Clinic.

She says: "You don't realise how having bad teeth can affect you until you have treatment like this and you get the confidence back. The whole shape of my mouth has changed. I could not have wished for better treatment. My care was first class and Steven has become like family to us."

Suction solution

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A CUTTING-EDGE development to help resolve the stability problems faced by thousands of denture wearers is being offered by the Denture Clinic.

Steven Burchell Dip CDT RCS(Eng) GDC108353, who heads the teams at his North Street practice in Dudley, and other clinics across the region, says the invention has the potential to resolve all-too-common denture stability issues.

Prosthetics are held in place by tiny valve-operated suction devices which are built into the prescription. A clever diaphragm principle, triggered by bite pressure on patients' gums, creates a 'sucking' vacuum between the soft-tissue mouth lining and the prosthetic.

Steven, whose clinics attracts patients from as far as Spain, the Isle of Skye and the Isle of Anglesey, adds: "The denture revolution is evolving at a frightening pace."

"In recent times we have seen, what I can describe only as strident steps forward, with implant-retained over-dentures, 'teeth-in-a-day' implant procedures and suction solution dentures, all coming into main-stream dentistry."

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"Lower dentures can often be troublesome as stability is compromised by shrinking gums and bone erosion - it's all part of the ageing process. Ill-fitting dentures create painful friction problems on gums and not least, be a source of compromised chewing and embarrassment."

Reduction

Steven adds: "The device can be mounted on upper or lower teeth and because of its efficiency allows us to consider a reduction in the size of the acrylic 'plate' which can result in improved speech and taste."

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Youngsters at Livingston Academy's 1996 Christmas show



Debbie with Natalie Powers 20 years ago



From left, Abby Wall, Samantha Plant, Lauren Downing, about 19 years ago



Georgina with Saskia Lockey, who now works in musicals



From left, Georgina, Alison Truelove and Debbie Morgan



Founders Georgina and Debbie with students Cara Fraser, aged 17 from Willenhall, and Georgia Curtis, 17 from Walsall

Livingston ladies of dance mark 25 years

A DANCE and drama academy which has produced performers who have appeared on stages across the world is celebrating its 25th anniversary in 1988.

The Livingston Academy, which teaches dance, music and drama, was set up by dance teachers Debbie Morgan and Georgina Rowley in 1988.

Established in Darlaston, the academy moved to its current home on Holyhead Road in Wednesbury in 1996, after increasing business led to a need for new premises.

Around 350 people, mainly youngsters but also some adults, are currently on the books at the academy, but the number of people who have been through the doors since it was set up cannot be estimated.

MEMORY LANE

Report by Adam Grinsell

Former students have performed around the world – with one former pupil currently appearing in *Cats* in London's West End.

Competitions

Others have gone on to teach dance and drama or set up their own academies.

Debbie said: "We teach ballet, tap, modern, jazz, all the theatre subjects – singing, speech, drama and all-round performance. The majority of people who come here are local to the area, but we have students from quite far away as well – we've had girls from as far as Nottingham come to us, so some really do travel."

The 25th anniversary was actually last year, when the students began rehearsing for a new show *Magical Memories*.

The show was put on at the Prince of Wales Theatre in Cannock last month, with a host of invited guests including former students.

Debbie added: "That's been the main celebratory thing really, we always do dance competitions, and we held a dance festival at Christmas, but the show in April rounded it off."

"Our aim when we started out was always to have everything that children need under one roof, everything they need to do the theatre arts, and we have achieved that."

If anyone would like to inquire about the Academy, call Debbie on 07976 880608, or see www.livingstonacademy.co.uk



Dancer Elliss Morgan in a Livingston Academy show, called *Don't Stop Believing*, in 2012 at Cannock's Prince of Wales

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Talks on care centre plans

TALKS are taking place to appoint a firm to run a new urgent care centre which will be built at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital.

It will open in April next year and treat more than 160,000 patients a year, health chiefs have confirmed.

The new centre will replace the existing walk-in centre at Holly Hall Clinic, Stourbridge Road, Dudley.

It would work alongside the hospital's accident and emergency department and be available 24 hours, seven days a week.

Health bosses say the move will help to reduce pressure on A&E as the centre could be used by the thousands of non-urgent patients who currently turn up at the department.

Three jailed after victim is hit over head with shovel

THREE men have been jailed after they launched a vicious attack that saw their victim hit over the head with a shovel.

Robert Rolls was left unconscious following the 'sustained assault' on Hagley Road, Stourbridge, during the early hours of June 30. Ryan Claridge, Mark Flavell and Benjamin Payne were all jailed after each admitting a count of attempted grievous bodily harm.

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard 21-year-old Claridge, of Barnett Lane, Kingswinford, and

Payne, 20, of Chapel Street, Brierley Hill, were making their way along Hagley Road at around 4.40am when a dispute occurred with Mr Rolls, who had also been drinking.

Mr Rolls had started the violence by punching Claridge in the face. Claridge and Payne followed him and Flavell, 44, of Albert Street, Pensnett, pulled up in his van and got a spade out of the back. Flavell had been in the vehicle earlier when Mr Rolls cracked the windscreen and was on his way home when he saw Mr Rolls arguing with Claridge and Payne.

Mr Rolls was knocked to the floor and Flavell

struck him twice on the legs with the shovel. He was kicked by all three. Payne handed Claridge the shovel and he struck Mr Rolls on the head with it three times. Mr Rolls suffered swelling.

Claridge was given 30 months and Flavell 36 months. Payne, who did not plead guilty as early as the others, received 38 months at a young-offenders institute.

Mr Simon Williams, defending Flavell, said his client was 'remorseful'. Mr Christopher Loach, defending Claridge, said his client 'apologised unreservedly'. Miss Laura Culley, defending Payne, said her client had stopped drinking.

Car smash at banqueting hall

A CAR smashed through the wall of a banquet suite, narrowly missing a bus stop.

The crash happened at 5.30pm on Saturday, when the blue Vauxhall Astra careered through the boundary wall outside 'The Regis' hall in Old Hill, just two feet away from a bus stop.

The car then came to rest on the lawn of the club. A pile of bricks from the damaged wall could be seen on the grass next to the car.

A woman suffered minor injuries in the smash on Reddal Hill Road, and was treated at the scene by paramedics from West Midlands Ambulance Service. Two fire engines, one from Cradley Heath station and the other from Brierley Hill, were called to the incident and made the car safe. No-one was trapped in the vehicle.

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Family pay tribute to accident victim



Timothy Pearson who died in a crash on St Peter's Road

A YOUNG man killed in a crash in the Black Country has been named as 23-year-old Timothy Pearson.

Mr Pearson, from Quarry Bank, was the passenger in a Nissan Skyline which hit a garden wall in St Peter's Road, Netherton, Dudley, just before 9.30pm on Tuesday, June 3.

He died at the scene, while the 28-year-old driver was taken to hospital with serious injuries.

Mr Pearson's family today paid tribute to him.

In a statement, they said: "What can we say about Tim? He was cheeky, sarcastic, loyal, always smiling, always singing and dancing, always had a smile on his face no matter what.

"He was the best son, brother, uncle, grandson, cousin and friend anyone could ask for.

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"The pain we are feeling now will never leave us, nor our memories of Tim. He was full of energy, he couldn't keep still but we loved every annoying thing about him."

Police are still seeking witnesses. Call them on 101.

Paddy's salsa act is just not hot enough

SHE has been swung, flung, thrown and twirled around stage, but it was not enough.

Sensational salsa dancing granny, 79-year-old Sarah 'Paddy' Jones even came back from a rib injury to take her place in the Britain's Got Talent final on Saturday night.

But the Stourbridge septuagenarian's routine, with partner Nico Espinosa, was not enough to see them crowned champions in the public vote.

The winners on the night were all-male classical singing group Collabro, who wowed viewers with their rendition of Stars from Les Miserable. They have landed themselves a slot in the Royal Variety Performance, along with £250,000 prize money.

Although they got a standing ovation, Paddy and Nico missed out on a place in the top three, with the other two spots going to second-placed opera singer Lucy Kay and bookies' favourites rap duo Bars and Melody.

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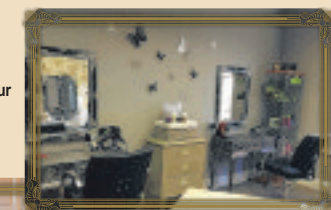
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Seconds and third chance to see Dawn

ACTRESS and comedienne Dawn French brings her show 30 Million Minutes — a rough estimation of her age — to the New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham, for three consecutive nights from Wednesday to Friday (June 18-20).

The Vicar of Dibley star and former wife of Lenny Henry has based the show on her life and career and describes it as “somewhere between a monologue, a play and an autobiographical slide show with a few funnies thrown in.”

Meanwhile, American comedy magic double act Penn and Teller have sold out their performances at the Alex on Sunday and Monday. Direct from Las Vegas, the duo promise jaw-dropping stunts.

Not-so-happy families on stage

THEATRE highlights this week include Alan Ayckbourn's poignant comedy Woman in Mind, in which a vicar's wife is on the edge of a breakdown as she invents a perfect family as an antidote to her real one.

It is staged at Birmingham Rep's main house from tomorrow until June 28.

A loveless marriage implodes with terrible consequences in psychological thriller Design For Murder by Donald F East, featuring Peter Amory from Emmerdale. It is at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre from Tuesday to Saturday.

Black Country blues guitar heroine coming home for gig

Caitlin to meet her readers

THE eldest of eight children, home-educated in a Wolverhampton council house, Times columnist and best-selling author Caitlin Moran is coming to Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre next month as part of a UK tour that's heading towards being a sell-out success.

She will speak about men, women, feminism, music and TV, and much more, and reading from her books How To Be A Woman, Moranthology, and soon to be published first novel for adults How To Build A Girl.

After the show on Wednesday, July 16, she will be signing copies of her books.

Her experiences growing up in Wolverhampton inspired her to write TV sitcom Raised By Wolves, shown on Channel 4 last year.

Tickets cost £25.75.



Raised in Wolves — best-selling author Caitlin Moran

BLUES rock guitarist Joanne Shaw Taylor will be back on home turf when she appears in her native West Midlands later this year.

Wednesbury-born Shaw Taylor, who now lives in Detroit, will be appearing at Birmingham Town Hall on November 15, hot on the heels of the release of her forthcoming studio album The Dirty Truth.

She made her live debut at the original Robin R'n'B Club in Brierley Hill in 2001 at the age of just 15.

Shaw Taylor will be supported by former Whitesnake guitarist Bernie Marsden for her homecoming concert. Tickets are priced £17.50. The Dirty Truth will be released in the UK on September 22.

The album sees her reunited with Jim Gaines who produced her critically acclaimed 2008 debut album White Sugar.

“I wanted to go back into the studio in Memphis with Jim to retain the same vibe that we captured on the first album,” she said. “The new album is a combination of rock and blues, and I think it's going to be an exciting collaboration, and hopefully, my fans will love the rockier edge.”

As for this week, as part of her 30th birthday tour, Radio 2 Folk Singer of 2014 Bella Hardy is visiting 30 of her favourite venues with her band The Midnight Watch. That brings her to the MAC in Edgbaston tonight. Tickets £12 (£10 concessions) and the show starts 8pm.

Following on from the recent success of When The Lights Go Out acoustic night, Baddies' Boogie will be taking over the studio at the Newhampton Arts Centre, Dunkley Street, Wolverhampton, for another showcase of local talent tomorrow night.

On the bill this time is Wolverhampton singer/songwriter Daniel Kirk, Loose Sings, West Bromwich's Jak & Dave, Shropshire lad Olly Flavell, Willenhall's Chloe Rose Fisher and Zak Christie. Tickets are £5 and the show starts around 8pm.

More award-winners are coming to Wolverhampton when duo Gilmore & Roberts



Black Country blues guitarist Joanne Shaw Taylor are guests of the Newhampton Folk Club in the upper room of the Newhampton Inn, Riches Street, on Saturday at 8.30pm. Tickets are £9.

You can hear the traditional harmonies of Caffery and McGurk at Black Diamond Folk Club tomorrow. The club meets on Fridays at 8.30pm at The Lamp Tavern, Barford Street, Highgate, Birmingham and the club is celebrating its 50th anniversary season.

Thrash mandolin player, TV presenter and comedian Ade Edmondson brings his Bad Shepherds to the Robin2, Bilston, on Sunday. Tickets are £19.50 or £22 on the night. Support from The Shellac Collective.

Opera Usher in macabre horror

WELSH National Opera bring three productions to Birmingham Hippodrome for their mini-season from Wednesday to Saturday.

Sir John Tomlinson will take the role of Moses in rarely-staged Schoenberg opera Moses und Aron, sung in German with English surtitles, on Wednesday (June 18) at 8pm.

Verdi's Nabucco with Mary Elizabeth Williams in the lead role of Abigaille is staged on Thursday and Saturday (June 19 and 21) at 7.15pm, sung in Italian.

Edgar Allan Poe's macabre tales feature in The Fall of the House of Usher, a double bill of Gordon Getty's Usher House (sung in English) with Debussy's La Chute de la Maison Usher (in French), on June 20.

Martial arts in multi-media show

IMMORTAL Chi, a spectacular blend of Chinese martial arts, acrobatics and percussion from the team that brought the Shaolin Warriors on tour, is coming to the West Midlands.

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Match of the Day Live (BBC1, 10.20pm)

England v Italy (Kick-off 11.00pm). Coverage as Roy Hodgson's men get their World Cup Group D campaign under way at the Arena Amazonia in Manaus, Brazil. The sides also met in the quarter-finals of Euro 2012, when the Italians were largely dominant throughout, but the match ended 0-0, with the Azzurri progressing on penalties. The teams faced each other again two months later in a friendly, when England prevailed 2-1, but both sides were far from full-strength. Since that contest, England have qualified for this tournament in a competent, if unspectacular manner, winning six and drawing four of their 10 fixtures to finish one point clear of Ukraine at the top of the table. Meanwhile, Italy also earned six victories and four draws from their qualifiers.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **10.30** Trooping the Colour. **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** Tennis from Queen's. The AEGON Championships. Sue Barker introduces coverage of the semi-finals of the Wimbledon warm-up event, held at the Queen's Club in London. Coverage continues on BBC2. **4.00** Match of the Day Live. **4.30** Match of the Day Live. Colombia v Greece (Kick-off 5.00pm). Coverage of the opening World Cup match for both teams.

7.10 BBC News: Weather. **7.30** **Pointless Celebrities.** Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman challenge more famous faces to plumb the depths of their general knowledge. The teams are Coronation Street star Jennie McAlpine (Fiz) and radio DJ Justin Moorhouse, impressionists Alistair McGowan and Kate Robbins, Kate's comedian brother Ted Robbins and fellow funnyman Mark Little, and husband-and-wife TV presenters Roy Farley and Katy Hill. (R)

8.20 **The National League In It to Win It.** Dale Winton hosts the quiz in which five contestants pit their wits to scoop a big cash prize. Only those in the winners' row will have a chance of taking home the loot, so they will need to get all the answers right – as well as a little bit of luck on their side. Gaby Roslin presents the Lotto and Thunderball draws. Last in the series.

9.10 **Casualty.** A man with dementia is brought in after suffering a bump on the head, and after giving the staff the runaround he finally settles down thanks to Connie. But as his condition worsens, can she save him? Jeff and Tamzin are called out to a party where the boiler has exploded, putting intense pressure on an already busy department as an influx of revellers turn in the ED. Ethan and Rita suspect one of the partygoers of being bulimic, while a frustrated father is forced to leave without his ill son being seen.

10.00 BBC News: Weather. National Lottery Update.

10.20 **Match of the Day Live.** England v Italy (Kick-off 11.00pm). Coverage as Roy Hodgson's men get their World Cup Group D campaign under way at the Arena Amazonia in Manaus, Brazil.

1.30 Weather. **1.35** BBC News.

BBC2

8.00 MOTD Kickabout. **8.30** Brazil's Soccer Cities. **8.55** World Cup Films. **10.30** Match of the Day: FIFA World Cup Highlights. **11.15** Wimbledon Classics. **1.15** Talking Pictures. (R) **2.00** Film: Citizen Kane. (14) Oscar-winning drama, starring Orson Welles. **4.00** Tennis from Queen's. The AEGON Championships semi-finals. **5.30** Flog It! (R)

6.30 **Trooping the Colour Highlights.** The key moments from the military parade when the Colour was trooped by Nijmegen Company, Grenadier Guards, at Horse Guards Parade in Whitehall, central London, to mark the Queen's official birthday.

8.00 **Yes, Prime Minister.** Jim feels local government isn't really representative, so is eager to hear more about proposals to reform the system. Sir Humphrey fears this would lead to the civil service losing its power and turns to an unlikely ally to help persuade the prime minister to think again. Political comedy first broadcast in 1988, starring Paul Eddington and Nigel Hawthorne. (R)

8.30 **I Love 1988.** The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles look back over the year the high-kicking heroes in a half-shell took the world by storm, Bill and Ted set off on an Excellent Adventure and Debbie Gibson went head to head with Tiffany for pop supremacy. This Morning began dominating daytime television, Bros and Neighbours star Kylie Minogue hit the charts, and the emergence of acid house changed the clubbing scene.

9.55 **Red Dwarf.** Red Dwarf is on a collision course with five black holes and Holly recommends that the crew members abandon ship and regroup after the danger is over. Cat and Kryten take off in Blue Midget, while Lister and Rimmer make their escape in Starbug, but are marooned when it is hit by a meteor and crash lands on an icy planet. Comedy first aired in 1989, starring Chris Barrie and Craig Charles. (R)

10.25 **TOTP: 80s Special.** Memorable Top of the Pops performances from the 1980s, including Adam and the Ants, Soft Cell, Madness, Culture Club, Pet Shop Boys, Wham!, Bros, Black Box and Lisa Stansfield. (R)

11.55 **Film: Body Heat.** (1981) Thriller, starring William Hurt.

1.45 This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Animals. (R) **7.00** Animals. (R) **7.05** Sooty. (R) **7.20** Diplomatic Fusion. (R) **7.45** Horrid Henry. (R) **8.00** Adventure Time. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.15** ITV News: Weather. **11.30** Storage Hoarders. (R) **12.30** All Star Mr & Mrs. (R) **1.30** Foot Britainia. (R) **2.00** Film: Babe: Pig in the City. (1998) **3.40** Gail & Me: 40 Years on Coronation Street. (R) **4.10** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **5.00** Tipping Point. (R)

6.05 **Regional Programme:** Weather.

6.15 **ITV News:** Weather.

6.30 **You've Been Framed! Top 100 Talent.** Harry Hill narrates a countdown of 100 talent-themed clips sent in by viewers. (R)

7.30 **FIFA World Cup Live 2014.** Uruguay v Costa Rica (Kick-off 8.00pm). Coverage of the opening Group D match for both nations, which takes place at the Estadio Castelao in Fortaleza, Brazil. While England will be busy preparing for their opening fixture later tonight, their fans will have one eye on this encounter given that it features the other two teams in their group. Uruguay have been among the top 10 nations in the FIFA rankings for some time now, and while they begin as favourites to succeed here, they will need to perform better than they did in the qualifying campaign. Having finished fifth in the CONMEBOL group just behind Ecuador, they secured their place in the tournament via a two-legged inter-confederation play-off against Jordan, and avoided what would have been an embarrassing upset. Costa Rica are one of four nations to have qualified from the CONCACAF region, joining the USA, Honduras and Mexico, and this will be their fourth appearance at a World Cup finals. In eight previous fixtures against Uruguay they have never recorded a victory, losing six times and drawing twice, with the most recent clash ending in a 1-1 draw in 2009.

10.15 **ITV News:** Weather.

11.30 **Film: Play Misty for Me.** (1971) Psychological thriller, directed by and starring Clint Eastwood.

1.30 **FIFA World Cup Live 2014.** **4.15** **ITV** Nightscreen.

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6.30 Trans World Sport. **7.30** FIM Superbike World Championship. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Weekend Kitchen. **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.30** Frasier. (R) **10.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.50** The Simpsons. (R) **12.20** The Simpsons. (R) **12.45** The Tomorrow People. **1.40** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from York, Sandown Park and Musselburgh. **4.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.40** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.40** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.15 **Come Dine with Me.** Sue Hood hosts the final night in east Hampshire, hoping to impress her guests with a Caribbean-themed dinner party, before the winner of the £1,000 prize is announced. (R)

6.40 **Channel 4 News.**

7.05 **The Restoration Man.** George Clarke revisits Keith and Shenna McIntyre a year after they battled extreme weather conditions to convert a listed, Thomas Telford-designed church on the Outer Hebridean island of Berenay into a holiday home and artist's studio. The couple also had to overcome the challenge of integrating with the local community while trying to manage the build from their home in Newcastle. George finds out what life is like in their new home and whether they have been successful in winning a prestigious architecture award. (R)

8.00 **Grand Designs.** Kevin McCloud meets Paul and Penny Denby, who are demolishing their mock-Georgian home on an exclusive south London estate to replace it with a contemporary mansion. The couple have little building experience and struggle with the dozens of design decisions they must make, and find themselves £250,000 short of the amount needed to finish the property. (R)

9.00 **Film: Forrest Gump.** (1994) A simple soul bumbles his way through a series of bizarre adventures, becoming an American football star, Vietnam veteran, table tennis champion and millionaire businessman – but the love of his life continues to elude him. Robert Zemeckis's Oscar-winning comedy drama, starring Tom Hanks, Sally Field, Robin Wright and Gary Sinise.

11.45 **Film: The Beach.** (2000) Danny Boyle's drama, with Leonardo DiCaprio and Tilda Swinton.

1.55 **Hollyoaks.** (R) **4.00** **Obsessive** Compulsive Cleaners. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) **10.15** Meerkat Manor. (R) **10.45** The Dog Rescuers with Anderson Davies. (R) **11.45** Big Brother: Eviction. (R) **1.10** **Film: Ghostbusters.** (1984) Supernatural comedy starring Bill Murray. **3.15** **Film: The Green Berets.** (1968) Vietnam War adventure, starring John Wayne.

6.00 **Hercules the Human Bear.** The story of Andy and Maggie Robin's relationship with a grizzly bear they bought as a cub from a zoo in Aviemore, the Highlands, in order to fulfil Andy's need for a unique wrestling partner, and which went on to become a star of TV and films. The documentary examines the bond that the couple and Hercules forged during their 25 years together, including the time the bear went missing for 24 days in the Outer Hebrides after escaping while filming an advertisement, terrifying the locals and fascinating the public. (R)

7.00 **Cricknet on 5.** England v Sri Lanka. Mark Nicholas presents action from the third day of the First Test in the two-match series, which takes place at Lord's. The tourists are still searching for their first-ever victory in this form of the game at the home of cricket, when their last three visits in 2002, 2006 and 2011 all ending in draws, but they will take great heart from their 3-2 victory in the one-day series, which saw them win the deciding encounter in some controversy surrounding the wicket of Jos Buttler.

8.00 **5 News Weekend.**

8.05 **The Girl with 7 Mums.** Documentary exploring the domestic life of 10-year-old Ellie Sharp, whose father took seven wives and is head of Britain's only openly polygamous family. (R)

9.00 **Autopsy: Whitney Houston's Last Hours.** Dr Richard Shepherd investigates the death of the singer in February 2012, with the post-mortem revealing the damage caused by years of drug and alcohol abuse. (R)

10.00 **Big Brother: Power Trip.** Highlights of another 24 hours in the Big Brother house, including coverage of the first eviction as seen from the point of view of the contestants.

11.00 **Big Brother's Bit on the Psych.** **12.00** SuperCasino. **3.10** Gibraltar: Britain in the Sun. (R) **4.00** **House** Doctor. (R) **4.25** **Make It Big.** (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Doctor Who: The Ultimate Guide
7.15 Doctor Who: 8.00 Top Gear
9.00 Russell Howard's Good News
10.00 Edinburgh Comedy Fest Live 2012
11.00 Family Guy 12.50 American Dad!
1.35 The World Cup's 50 Greatest Moments
3.30 Badtuts 4.00 Close

BBC Four
7.00 **Swarm:** Nature's Incredible Invasions
8.00 **The Story of Science – Power, Proof and Passion**
9.00 **Wallander**
10.30 **Talent Best & Worst:** The Comet's Tale
12.30 **The Sky at Night**
1.00 **Tails You Win:** The Science of Chance
2.00 **Swarm:** Nature's Incredible Invasions
3.00 **The Story of Science – Power, Proof and Passion**
4.00 **Close**

ITV2
11.05 **Take Me Out**
12.15 **I Wanna Marry "Harry"**
1.15 **Funnist Ever**
You've Been Framed!
2.20 **You've Been Framed**
Famous!
3.20 **You've Been Framed!**
3.55 **Britain's Got More Talent Best & Worst:** Stephen's Heroes
5.00 **Britain's Got More Talent Best & Worst:** Hairiest
6.00 **Britain's Got More Talent Best & Worst:** Surprise Stars
7.05 **Film:** Year One (2009)
9.00 **Film:** The Holiday (2006)
11.45 **Film:** Red Dragon (2002)
2.05 **Viral Tap**
2.45 **Teleshopping**
5.45 **ITV2** Nightscreen

ITV3
12.05 **Pollyanna**
2.55 **Lewis**
4.55 **Agatha Christie's Marple**
7.00 **Rosemary & Thyme****8.00** **Doc Martin**
9.00 **Foley's War**
11.00 **Bomb Girls**
12.00 **A Touch of Frost**
2.00 **ITV3** Nightscreen
2.30 **The Store**
5.00 **Teleshopping**

ITV4
11.40 **Film:** Dunkirk (1958)
2.25 **British Touring Car Championship Highlights**
4.00 **Film:** Dragnet (1987)
6.05 **Film:** Police Academy 3: Back in Training (1986)
7.50 **Hornblower**
10.00 **Film:** Schindler's List (1993)
1.45 **Nirvana**
3.00 **Teleshopping**
3.30 **The Store**
5.00 **Teleshopping**

E4
2.00 **Made in Chelsea**
3.05 **The Big Bang Theory**
5.00 **Rude (ish)**
Tube
6.00 **How I Met Your Mother**
7.00 **The Big Bang Theory**
8.30 **How I Met Your Mother**
9.00 **Film:** He's Just Not That Into You (2009)
11.40 **The Big Bang Theory**
12.10 **Rude Tube: Total Stunts**
1.15 **How I Met Your Mother**
2.15 **2 Broke Girls**
3.30 **The Cleveland Show**
4.15 **Glee**
Film
11.00 **Big Business** (1988)
1.00 **The Rocker** (2008)
2.55 **Brewster's Millions** (1985)
4.55 **Edward Scissorhands** (1990)
7.00 **The Italian Job** (1969)
9.00 **Predator** (1987)
11.05 **Predator** (2 1990)
1.15 **Sightseers** (2012)
3.15 **Close**

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I Bought a Rainforest (BBC2, 8pm)
Nine months in and Charlie Hamilton James's project has hit rock bottom, so he decides to spend time with one of his neighbours – a Wacheperi shaman who treats sick people with traditional plants and hallucinogenic medicines. He then heads across the border to Brazil to meet a cattle rancher planning to burn down a huge chunk of virgin forest to increase the size of him farm, giving Charlie a clue as to how to make his scheme work. Back on his land, Charlie makes squatter Elias an offer and the pair embark on a new joint venture.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Sunday Politics. **12.15** Football Focus: World Cup Special. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Regional Programme. **2.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **3.00** Super Giant Animals. (R) **4.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **5.00** Points of View. **5.15** Lifetime. **5.25** Songs of Praise.
6.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
6.30 **Countryside.** The team is in Port Talbot, south Wales, where Shauna Lowry switches on the largest electricity generating waterwheel in Europe after its refurbishment. Ellie Harrison has a go at the country's fastest-growing watersport and Matt Baker goes in pursuit of an unusual animal in Margam Park. Also, Tom Heap looks at predictions that more than 40 British beaches will next year be labelled as unsuitable for bathing because of new European regulations and Adam Hanson meets the old boys of a little-known pre-war farm training scheme. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
7.30 **Match of the Day Live.** France v Honduras (Kick-off 8.00pm). Coverage of the opening World Cup Group E match for both sides, which takes place at the Estadio Beira-Rio in Porto Alegre, Brazil. France were the envy of many nations when they were handed arguably the easiest group from which to progress, having only narrowly qualified for the tournament following their play-off victory over Ukraine, which saw them overturn a 2-0 first-leg deficit to reach their fifth successive finals. With Switzerland and Ecuador the other sides involved, France will expect their star-studded squad to finish top and reach the last 16, where they may also be handed a favourable draw against a team from Group F. Presented by Gary Lineker, with commentary by Jonathan Pearce and Martin Keown.
10.05 BBC News; Weather.
10.30 **Match of the Day Live.** Argentina v Bosnia-Herzegovina (Kick-off 11.00pm). The opening World Cup Group F match for both sides, which takes place at the Estadio do Maracanã in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
1.10 Weatherview. **1.15** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **6.05** Match of the Day: FIFA World Cup Replay. **7.50** World Cup Films. **9.30** Match of the Day: FIFA World Cup Highlights. **10.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **12.00** Two Greedy Italians. (R) **1.00** Canal Slalom: World Cup London. **2.00** Tennis from Queen's. The AEGON Championships final. **5.30** Tropic of Cancer. (R)
6.30 **Ice Age Giants.** Alice Roberts explains what the remains of mammals reveal about how they fared in cold climates. In Transylvanian caves, she discovers evidence of a conflict between a cave bear and a lion, both of which became victims of a deep freeze that swept across Europe, while in Siberia she finds that the well-preserved remains of a female woolly rhinoceros demonstrate it was perfectly evolved to face the bitter conditions in Yakutsk – the coldest city on Earth. Alice also travels to a Jersey cave, where archaeological findings shed light on how Ice Age human beings and Neanderthals fashioned stone tools to hunt mammoths. (R)
7.30 **Sea City.** The work of the people who keep the Port of Southampton running but are often hidden from view, including a bunkering tanker skipper who provides fuel for the ships.
8.00 **I Bought a Rainforest.** Charlie Hamilton James receives inspiration on how to make his project work after visiting a Brazilian cattle rancher and embarks on a joint venture with Elias. Last in the series.
9.00 **Wildfires 2014: Inside the Inferno.** Part two of two. Simon Reeve joins an aerial operation to waterbomb a wildfire and Kate Humble experiences what it is like inside a firefighting truck as the flames approach.
10.00 **Mock the Week.** The topical comedy quiz show returns, with Ed Byrne, Milton Jones, Romesh Ranganathan and Katherine Ryan joining Hugh Dennis, Andy Parsons and host Dara O Briain. (R)
10.30 **QI XL.** Isy Suttie, Tim Minchin and Bill Bailey join regular panellist Alan Davies as host Stephen Fry asks a range of unusual questions on the topic of keys. (R)
11.15 **Film: Then She Found Me.** (2007) Comedy drama.
12.50 Sign Zone: Countryside. (R) **1.50** Holby City. (R) **2.50** Match of the Day: FIFA World Cup Replay. **4.35** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Canimals. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.05** Sooty. (R) **7.20** Digimon Fusion. (R) **7.45** Horrid Henry. (R) **8.00** Deadline Stories. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** May the Best House Win. (R) **10.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** ITV News; Weather. **11.30** Love Your Garden. (R) **12.30** Long Lost Family. (R) **1.30** Nature's Newborns. (R) **2.00** Film: Columbus: It's All in the Game. (1993) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk and Faye Dunaway. **4.00** FIFA World Cup Live 2014. Switzerland v Ecuador (Kick-off 5.00pm).
7.15 **Regional Programme;** Weather.
7.20 **ITV News;** Weather.
7.30 **The Cube – Celebrity Special.** Phillip Schofield invites world champion hurdler Dai Greene and former Olympic javelin thrower Fatima Whitbread to take on a series of fiendishly difficult challenges inside The Cube. Each given nine lives at the start, they face up to seven tasks, ranging from agility tests to skill trials, and the more they complete, the greater their chances of winning £250,000 for charity. (R)
8.30 **The Suspicions of Mr Whicher: The Murder in Angel Lane.** Another chance to see the second instalment of the crime drama starring Paddy Considine as the pioneering 19th-century inspector. Having left the Metropolitan Police under a cloud, Whicher's days as a detective are behind him. However, when he saves a respectable country lady from a violent robbery in a dangerous part of London, she hires him to investigate the savage murder of her 16-year-old niece. The investigation pits Whicher against wealthy and powerful figures, as well his former colleagues in the Met, and leads to a psychiatric institution where he must confront his own demons. Co-starring Olivia Colman, Shaun Dingwall and Mark Bazely. (R)
10.30 **ITV News;** Weather.
10.45 **Film: Gosford Park.** (2001) A shooting party at a country estate ends in murder, all under the watchful eye of the servants. Robert Altman's period drama, with Maggie Smith.
1.15 The Store. **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **4.15** May the Best House Win. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.40 Vibram Tarawera Ultramarathon. **7.10** VW Racing Cup. **7.35** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Secret Eaters. (R) **1.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **3.00** The Simpsons. (R) **3.30** Film: The First Wives Club. (1996) **5.35** Deal or No Deal.
6.30 **Channel 4 News.**
7.00 **Born in the Wild.** Gordon Watson, Celia Sawyer, Alex Proud and David Sonnenhal dig deep into their pockets for a pair of Muhammad Ali's boxing boots, antique big-cat taxidermy, provocative sculptures and original artworks from hit horror films. Meeting each potential buyer in a separate room, the sellers must judge when to part with their valuable items and when to reject an offer. Presented by Anita Rani.
8.00 **Born in the Wild.** Mark Evans and Joy Reidenberg visit Australia to uncover the reproductive secrets of marsupials. The kangaroo thrives in one of the driest environments on Earth – the Outback – thanks to its extreme baby-making survival strategy. At a remote research station, Mark uses night-imaging cameras to observe wild males tracking down fertile mates, while Joy uses ultrasound to monitor the progress of a female's pregnancy. Plus, how koalas have mastered gravity-defying intercourse, and the critically endangered rock wallabies that are being given foster mothers.
9.00 **Fargo.** Lester has an unexpected encounter, Malvo changes course and a new investigation leads Molly down a familiar path. The penultimate episode of the American drama inspired by the Coen brothers' much-loved film, starring Billy Bob Thornton, Martin Freeman, Colin Hanks and Allison Tolman.
10.05 **The Virgin Killer.** On May 23, British-born Elliot Rodger murdered six students and injured 13 in Santa Barbara, California. This documentary examines the events of that day and those leading up to it.
11.10 **Film: The Happening.** (2008) Horror, starring Mark Wahlberg.
12.50 **Film: The Escapist.** (2008) **2.35** Utopia. (R) **3.35** The Birthday. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Abby's Flying Fairy School. (R) **6.25** Bubble Guppies. (R) **6.35** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Chloe's Closet. **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. **7.15** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.35** City of Friends. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.05** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.40** Rupert Bear. (R) **8.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Jelly Jam. (R) **9.30** LazyTown. (R) **10.00** Power Rangers Super Samurai. (R) **10.35** Power Rangers Megaforce. (R) **11.10** Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) **11.15** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) **12.15** Big Brother. Power Trip. (R) **1.10** Film: Mannequin. (1987) Fantasy comedy, starring Andrew McCarthy. **2.55** Film: Nimm's Island. (2008) Comedy adventure, starring Jodie Foster. **4.45** Film: Hitch. (2005) Romantic comedy, starring Will Smith and Eva Mendes. **7.00** **Cricknet on 5.** England v Sri Lanka. Mark Nicholas presents action from the fourth day of the First Test in the two-match series, which takes place at Lord's. Sri Lanka last visited these shores for a two-match Test series in 2011, and both matches ended in draws, and while England are going through a transitional period under head coach Peter Moores they will be expected to improve on that given they are still ranked third in the ICC Test rankings, while the visitors are down in seventh. With commentary by Michael Vaughan, Geoffrey Boycott and Simon Hughes.
8.00 **Illegal Immigrant & Proud.** Documentary following people who have settled in the UK illegally and who have managed to live their lives largely under the radar of the authorities. (R)
8.55 **5 News Weekend.**
9.00 **Big Brother: Power Trip.** Daily round-up of highlights, featuring the latest tasks, games, arguments, laughs, diary room visits and bedroom chat-chat. Narrated by Marcus Bentley.
10.00 **Film: The Vow.** (2012) Premiere. A woman wakes up after a car crash with no memory of her husband, who tries to get her to fall in love with him. Romantic drama, with Rachel McAdams and Channing Tatum.
12.05 Hercules the Human Bear. (R) **1.00** SuperCasino. **3.10** Classic Car Rescue. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 World's Craziest Fools **7.30** Film: Madagascar (2005) **8.50** Great TV Mistakes **9.00** Comedy Fest Live 2013 **10.00** Backchat with Jack Whitehall and His Dad **10.45** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad! **12.15** Russell Howard's Good News **12.45** Backchat with Jack Whitehall and His Dad **1.30** Barely Legal Drivers **2.30** Street Kid World Cup **3.25** Russell Howard's Good News **4.00** Close
BBC Four
7.00 Timewatch: Captain Cook – The Man Behind the Legend **8.00** Film: Scott of the Antarctic (1948) **9.45** Icebound: The Greatest Dog Story Ever Told **10.45** Timeshift: Of Ice and Men **11.45** Killing Me Softly: The Roberta Flack Story **12.45** Singer-Songwriters at the BBC **1.45** Timewatch: Captain Cook – The Man Behind the Legend **2.45** Icebound: The Greatest Dog Story Ever Told **3.45** Close
ITV2
3.10 You've Been Framed! **3.40** Film: Arthur and the Great Adventure (2009) **5.55** Film: Rumor Has It (2005) **7.50** Film: The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008) **10.00** Viral Top **10.45** TV OD **11.20** Film: Couples Retreat (2009) **1.35** Viral Top **2.10** The Cube **3.00** Teleshopping
ITV3
11.40 Agatha Christie's Marple **1.50** Lewis **5.55** Midsomer Murders **8.00** Film: Mamma Mia! (2008) **10.15** Lewis **12.15** Film: Out of Africa (1985) **3.05** Judge Judy **3.25** ITV3 Nightscreen **3.40** Emmerdale
ITV4
2.40 Greatest World Cup Goals **3.45** Film: The Appaloosa (1968) **5.50** Film: Rooster Cogburn (1975) **8.00** Storage Wars **9.00** Film: National Lampoon's Vacation (1983) **11.05** Film: The Parole Officer (2001) **12.55** Best of Brazil **1.55** Richard Bacon's Beer and Pizza Club **2.35** Tommy Cooper **3.00** Teleshopping **3.30** The Store **5.00** Teleshopping
5+
3.00 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **4.00** The Big Bang Theory **6.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **7.00** The Mindy Project **7.30** New Girl **8.00** Film: The Death and Life of Charlie St Cloud (2010) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory **10.30** Rude Tube: Total Stunts **11.30** How I Met Your Mother **12.30** Rules of Engagement **1.30** The Ricky Gervais Show **2.55** The Cleveland Show **3.20** Hollyoaks
Film4
1.00 Coraline (2009) **3.00** The Princess Diaries (2001) **5.15** Dragonball Evolution (2009) **6.55** Star Trek III: The Search for Spock (1984) **9.00** Transporter 3 (2008) **11.00** Trading Places (1983)

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Film Choices

MONDAY

The Grudge 2, ITV, 10.35pm

After barely surviving a fire that burned a cursed Tokyo house to the ground, Karen Davis is recovering in hospital. Karen's sister Aubrey travels to Japan to bring her home, but her investigation into the suspicious events leading up to her sibling's injuries sets Aubrey on a frantic mission to prevent menacing supernatural beings from reaching the US. Horror sequel, with Amber Tamblyn and Sarah Michelle Gellar. (2006)

TUESDAY

Rambo: First Blood Part II, ITV, 10.35pm

Incarcerated Special Forces veteran John Rambo is offered the chance for freedom by former commander Colonel Trautman if he takes up the offer to return to the jungles of Vietnam on a life-or-death mission to rescue American PoWs. During the course of the operation, he develops strong feelings for his guide, a female freedom fighter – but tragedy strikes, leaving him more determined than ever to exact a bloody and explosive revenge. Action adventure sequel, starring Sylvester Stallone. (1985)

WEDNESDAY

The Hindenburg, Channel 4, 2.20am

The famous German zeppelin is prepared for its fateful transatlantic voyage in 1937, only for the Nazi government to receive word that a plot is afoot to destroy the craft. A security agent is placed on board the airship to uncover and prevent any attempts at sabotage, but finds himself surrounded by a multitude of possible suspects among the passengers. Disaster movie, with George C Scott and Anne Bancroft. (1975)



The Grudge 2, Monday, ITV, 10.35pm

THURSDAY

Terminator 2: Judgment Day, Channel 4, 10pm

A reprogrammed killing machine is sent back in time to the 20th century to protect John Connor, a teenage boy whose destiny is to save the human race. After breaking John's mother out of a mental institution, the pair set out to avert a future nuclear war – pursued by an advanced prototype terminator with shape-changing powers. Sci-fi action adventure sequel, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger and Linda Hamilton. (1991)

FRIDAY

Buster, BBC2, 11.05pm

Fact-based crime drama about the life of Buster Edwards, a member of the gang responsible for the Great Train Robbery. Going on the run after the notorious heist, he flees to Mexico with his family. However, his homesick wife struggles to adapt to her new life, leaving the outlaw with a difficult choice. Starring Phil Collins and Julie Walters. (1988)

Pick of the Week

The Goodmans make a return to our screens

It's been 18 months since we last caught up with with TV's favourite Jewish family, the Goodmans – and that's an age in TV terms.

We thought that was it, they'd left our lives forever. But thankfully that's not the case, because here they are, back for a new run of the sitcom,

"I'm so excited to be making a new series of Friday Night Dinner with such a fantastic cast once again," says writer and producer Robert Popper. "I really could not be happier. Well I could, if say, I'd taught crows how to speak and they, in turn, taught me how to fly."

Nerys Evans, Deputy Head of Comedy, Channel 4, adds: "We're thrilled we're going to be spending more Friday Nights with the Goodmans, and not forgetting Jim and Wilson too. Robert's created such a brilliantly warm and funny world, and the cast are just sublime, we can't wait to join them for more Friday Night Dinners."

Although it's truly an ensemble piece, it's Tamsin Greig who

effortlessly manages to grab the spotlight – but then again, she is arguably the leading female light in British sitcom at the moment thanks to this show and the BBC Two hit Episodes.

"I think it's lovely," she says of this project. "The editing is beautiful, it's as if it's written on the page, very very fast, tightly shot, very funny and a credit to the people who put it together."

Here she plays Jackie, the matriarch who's very much at the head of the family, a fact that Greig discovered was true to life when she spent an evening with some Jewish friends.

"I went to a mate's house for Friday night dinner and there was a lot of food and the women were really loud," she says, widening her eyes. "And so I just used that. I thought the women might be more retiring, but the women really do run the shindig and I thought that was brilliant."

"But Robert hasn't had to think up any of this. He should really say it was written by his dad!"

However, she does have one problem during filming – sharing the screen with her old Green View sparring partner Mark Heap.

A known 'corpser', Greig says it was "almost impossible" to film with Heap as Jim the neighbour. "I think there are some scenes where you can't cut to me at all because I'm just laughing out loud every time he moves," she recalls.

At the start of the new run, Jackie is thrilled – Adam seems to be having more luck with the ladies. In fact, at long last, he's bringing a lady (or 'female' as his dad would say) home to meet his parents and brother Jonny. However, as you may already have guessed, the evening doesn't go quite to plan.

That's because the Goodmans are currently taking care of eight-year-old Katie who has a crush on Adam. So when she spots some incriminating photos on his phone, she spies the perfect opportunity to blackmail him into doing everything wants.

And barking like a dog while wearing make-up doesn't go down well with Emma...



Simon Bird stars in Friday Night Dinner, Friday, Channel 4, 10pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY

Tigers About the House

BBC2, 8pm

New series. Documentary following zookeeper Giles Clark as he hand-rears Sumatran tiger cubs Spot and Stripe, which were born at the Australia Zoo in Queensland and are one of the most critically endangered species on earth. To help give them the best start and ensure their survival, Giles takes them home to live with his boisterous family and gives them round-the-clock care for the first four months of their lives. The film gives an intimate look into the crucial early development of the cubs as they struggle through their first crucial weeks, while Giles embarks upon the toughest parenting job of his life and tries to save the species from the brink of extinction in the wild. Andrew Lincoln narrates.

Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole

Channel 5, 9pm

It's been a hot topic for a while, and there's almost been as much coverage on this subject recently as there has been on the World Cup. Well okay, maybe not quite that much. Figures suggest that there are more people living off benefits now than at any time since the foundation of the welfare state. Some put this down to factors such as immigration, lack of jobs, and, controversially, laziness. But can we really be so judgemental until we understand the circumstances of those who rely on the state? This series aims to give us an insight into the lives of claimants, including Jordan McDonald from Great Yarmouth, who had his benefit payments cut when the job centre discovered he had not attended a work programme.

TUESDAY

Horizon: Where Is Flight MH370?

BBC2, 9pm

The inside story of the search for Malaysia Airlines Flight MH 370, which vanished on March 8 while en route from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing. The film reveals how the Boeing 777 disappeared in a radar blind spot and what investigators believe happened to the aircraft in its last minutes, and hears from the British satellite engineers who tracked the plane's final hours. It also examines new technologies including black-box streaming and enhanced air-traffic surveillance that mean an airliner should never be lost without trace again.

WEDNESDAY

My Violent Child

Channel 5, 9pm

Domestic violence is still a big concern in the UK, and while it's true we'll never really know what goes on behind closed doors, some families are suffering an altogether different form of abuse; one that's so devastating that many refuse to even acknowledge its existence – child-on-parent violence. This one-off programme tells the shocking story of this kind of abuse, and reveals how helplines receive over 11,000 calls a year from adults being physically abused in their home. The documentary takes a look at the hidden world of such violence and follows three families' journeys as they struggle to get their head around their children's

behavioural issues – and cannot help but question what they could be doing differently in their parenting.

Episodes

BBC2, 10pm

Back when television phenomenon Friends ended after its 10-year run, its stars could have been forgiven for laying awake at night with worry about what they'd do next. For Matt LeBlanc, however, that worry would have been wasted energy. Okay, so when she spots some incriminating photos on his phone, she spies the perfect opportunity to blackmail him into doing everything wants. And barking like a dog while wearing make-up doesn't go down well with Emma...

THURSDAY

FIFA World Cup Live

2014

ITV, 7pm

Uruguay v England (Kick-off 8.00pm). All the action from the eagerly awaited Group D fixture at the Arena de Sao Paulo, as both sides play their second match of the tournament. While this may not officially be the

Group of Death, the draw in December did little to breathe life into England's campaign, as Roy Hodgson's men were handed this clash with the South Americans to follow their opener against Italy. While Uruguay struggled in qualifying and needed a play-off against Jordan to make it through, they will still be regarded as one of the favourites due to their outstanding strikeforce, which includes Edinson Cavani, Diego Forlan and Luis Suarez. The injury-hit latter of those three will no doubt attract the greatest attention ahead of this fixture, having proven a controversial character in his time at Liverpool, for whom he was in outstanding form last season. In fact, the striker was at the centre of one of the most memorable moments of the last World Cup, when his last-minute deliberate handball on the goal line against Ghana resulted in his dismissal, although the subsequent penalty miss by Asamoah Gyan saw the match go to a shootout, which Uruguay won to become the only South American representative in the semi-finals.

FRIDAY

Seven Wonders of Brazil

BBC2, 9pm

Brazilian Catholicism is a mixture of influences that has developed since the country was colonised by the Portuguese almost 500 years ago, combining song and dance, African and native beliefs and the faith of the southern Europeans who invaded. In this film, theologian Robert Beckford explores the incredible spiritual diversity of the South American country by examining seven things that embody the melting pot of Brazilian Christianity, from statue of Jesus Christ to the samba beat of the carnival.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

3. Old-timer maybe
rough to a girl (4-5)
8. Dance and swim
(4)
9. Self-driver (6,3)
10. And so I became a
fair man (6)
11. Another name for a
criminal (5)
14. Cab he orders to
the seaside (5)
15. Act in rotation (4)
16. Odds, strangely
enough (5)
18. Help a character in
opera (4)
20. Liberal politician
has some beer
around (5)
21. A measure in
progress (5)
24. A car's crashed by
a learner - a culpa-
ble character (6)
25. A call to order,
perhaps (9)
26. Antediluvian crafts-
man (4)
27. Member of a team
as an extra occupa-
tion (2,3,4)

Down

1. Barge route turned out to be an astronomical figure! (5,4)
2. Notes - possibly Roman made (9)
3. So backward about turning up for work (4)
5. A revolting subject (5)
6. A trail that winds, there may be a catch in it (6)
7. It's Ena's turn to be reasonable (4)
11. In panic he hides in a corner (5)
11. Well up in a small department (5)
12. Not much reason for doubt (9)
13. Well, you're not! (9)
17. Didn't stand an enemy of good (5)
19. A new combination again (6)
22. Has to make professions of loyalty (5)
23. Things cracked up to stupefy (4)
24. Measure up a door (4)

[illegible]

Quick Clues:

Across

3. Penetrating (9)
8. Brink (4)
9. Playwright (9)
10. Choice (6)
11. Guide (5)
14. Proportion (5)
15. Daybreak (4)
16. Arrive at (5)
18. Heath (4)
20. Diminish (5)
21. Indigent (5)
24. Careless (6)
25. Melancholy (9)
26. Revolve (4)
27. Kept (9)

Down

1. Airfield (9)
2. Disturbance (9)
4. Merit (4)
5. Send (5)
6. Enmity (6)
7. Inquisitive (4)
9. Giver (5)
11. Doubtful (5)
12. Predatory (9)
13. Non-stop (9)
17. Harbour (5)
19. Alcove (6)
22. Discourage (5)
23. Rip (4)
24. Roam (4)

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S
SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
 CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Sham; 3 Spectres; 8 Inca;
 9 Joined up; 11 Pouring oil on; 13 Rather; 14
 League; 17 Cinema screen; 20 Troubled; 21
 Rain; 22 Distress; 23 Less. Down: 1 Skippers;
 2 Account; 4 Plough; 5 Confidence; 6 Rodeo;
 7 Saps; 10 Life member; 12 Meanings; 15
 Grenade; 16 Waters; 18 Irons; 19 Stud. QUICK -
 Across: 1 Case; 3 Hardware; 8 Thin; 9 Misspent;
 11 Red-letter day; 13 Clever; 14 Outset; 17
 Plague; 20 Obsolete; 21 One; 22 Splinter;
 23 Idol. Down: 2 Cataract; 2 Swindle; 4 Aviate;
 5 Drought; 6 Arena; 7 Eats; 10 Pedestrian;
 12 Ethereal; 15 Squall; 16 Orange; 18 Ideal;
 19 Toss.

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Ground Floor Flat close to local amenities comprising of: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Inner Hall, Kitchen, Bedroom, Bathroom with over bath Shower. Benefits from: Garage and garden

KINGSWINFORD



MURDOCH DRIVE

FOR SALE £214,950

Coach House Style Property in popular cul de sac. Includes: Hall, Cloakroom, Kitchen/Diner, Lounge, Four Bedrooms, (Master with En Suite), Family Bathroom, Benefits include: Garage, Rear Garden, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing.

KINGSWINFORD



MANOR PARK

FOR SALE £124,950

Semi Detached House within Kingswinford to include: Lounge, Kitchen, Inner Hall, Downstairs WC, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower. Benefits include: Front and Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking, Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing

BRIERLEY HILL



HENZEL CROFT

FOR SALE £97,950

Modern Ground Floor Apartment close to local amenities: Lounge, Kitchen Two Bedrooms, Wet Room. Benefits include Double Glazing and Allocated Parking

QUARRY BANK



CHURCH STREET

FOR SALE £134,950

Semi Detached House close to Quarry Bank High Street to include: Lounge, Kitchen, Downstairs WC, Conservatory, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Benefits include: Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Garage, Off Road Parking, Rear Garden

KINGSWINFORD



TIVERTON CLOSE

FOR SALE £134,950

Semi Detached Freehold Property with NO UPWARD CHAIN to include: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Front & Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking & Car Port

DUDLEY



RICHBOROUGH DRIVE

FOR SALE £154,950

Semi detached to comprise of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms (Master with En Suite), Bathroom. Benefits of the property include: Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Front & Rear Gardens, Integral Garage and NO UPWARD CHAIN

DUDLEY



GREYSTONE PASSAGE

FOR SALE £225,000

Large Unusual Detached Property in Central Dudley, Hall, Large Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Utility, WC, Three Good Size Bedrooms, Family Bathroom with Separate Toilet, Two Lofts, Two Garages, Off Road Parking, Lawned Rear Garden and Patio

BRIERLEY HILL



NORTH STREET

FOR SALE £92,500

Modern Ground Floor Apartment. Well presented leasehold accommodation comprises of: Entrance Hall with Store, Large Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Communal Grounds, Off Road Parking and Visitor Parking.

WORDSLEY



BELLS LANE

£725 pcm*

Semi Detached House, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Front & Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking, Single Garage

TIVIDALE



TIVIDALE STREET

£545 pcm*

Mid Terrace Property, Lounge, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Off Road Parking

HALESOWEN



BLOOMFIELD ST WEST

£525 pcm*

Terrace Property, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Rear Garden

STOURBRIDGE



HUNGARY HILL

£525 pcm*

Semi Detached House, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Tandem Garage, Gardens, Unfurnished.

PENSNETT



FIRCROFT, BIRDS MEADOW

£650 pcm*

End Terrace Property, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, WC, Three Large Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Side & Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking, GARAGE

STOURBRIDGE



RIDGE GROVE

£595 pcm*

Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen, Cloakroom, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Front & Rear Gardens

BROCKMOOR



HIGH STREET

£495 pcm*

Terrace Property, Lounge, Kitchen, Dining Room, Bathroom, Three Bedrooms, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Rear Gardens, Unfurnished

GREAT BRIDGE

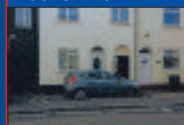


EAGLE PLACE

£370 pcm*

First Floor Flat, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom, Double Glazing, Electric Heating, Off Road Parking

WOODSETTON



SEDGLEY ROAD

£495 pcm*

Terraced Property, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Conservatory, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Rear Garden

GORNAL



CENTRAL DRIVE

£560 pcm*

Semi Detached House, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Unfurnished, Front & Rear Gardens

STOURBRIDGE



AUDNAM

£275 pcm*

First Floor Flat, Ground Floor Entry, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Double Glazing, Off Road Parking, Unfurnished

WORDSLEY



BRACKEN PARK GARDENS

£425 pcm*

Top Floor Flat, Large Lounge, Kitchen, Bedroom, Bathroom with shower, Electric Heating, Sealed Units, Off Road Parking

TIVIDALE



OAKTHORPE GARDENS

£425 pcm*

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Six-bedroom house has been greatly improved



THIS extended six bedroomed property in Florence Road, Smethwick, has extremely spacious and considerably improved accommodation.

It is for sale through Taylors Estate Agents at £330,000. Briefly it has an entrance hall with a downstairs WC off, a lounge, sitting room, fitted kitchen with an oven and hob, a spacious conservatory with wood effect laminate flooring, dining room, a fitted utility/kitchen with an oven and hob, wood effect units and contrasting working surfaces and attractive slate-style flooring.

There is a downstairs shower room, upstairs six good bedrooms (one with en suite shower room and another with an en suite bathroom, bathroom with full wall and floor tiling. The frontage has plenty of parking space, a double garage (with kitchen area at rear), and rear garden with fencing. Call Taylors on 0121 4344345 or visit www.taylors-estateagents.co.uk



Modern home ideal for a large family

A FIVE bedroomed stylish modern detached house in Severn Rise, Rowley Regis, is ideal for a large family. It is for sale through Dixons Estate Agents at offers over £275,000.

Its briefly comprises a lounge which has a large bay window, kitchen/diner with Shaker style units, dining area (which also has French doors out to the garden), a useful utility, ground floor wc, bedroom with an en-suite bathroom, four further first floor bedrooms (one with an en-suite shower room), double width front driveway, an integral garage and a rear garden which includes a patio area with decking and a gazebo. Contact Dixons Estate Agents on 0121 3719117 or visit www.dixonsestateagents.co.uk website.



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Greenland Drive

- * A FIVE bedroom detached
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- * Open plan style lounge
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- * Nursery/Office and 6th suite
- * Large garage ideal for "Hobby Flat"
- * Parking for 3+ cars plus Caravan
- * EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £328,996

COSELEY



Summer Hill Road

- * A fabulous period DETACHED
- * Full of character and charm
- * Open plan style Dining Room
- * Country style kitchen & utility room
- * FOUR DOUBLE bedrooms
- * THREE BATHROOMS
- * Driveway parking and garage
- * EPC Rating - E

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £284,950

SEDGLEY



Cotswold End Road

- * A detached, unique family home
- * Located in a desirable area
- * Good size plot & extensive gardens
- * FULL OF POTENTIAL
- * Three double bedrooms
- * Two reception rooms & Sun room
- * NO UPWARD CHAIN
- * EPC Rating - E

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £264,950

SEDGLEY



Gospel End Road

- * NO UPWARD CHAIN
- * An excellent size DETACHED home
- * Sought after Gospel End address
- * Open plan and recently fitted kitchen
- * Utility room, play room/hiring room
- * FOUR bedrooms, two en-suites
- * Driveway parking for several cars
- * Part garage and private rear garden
- * EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £238,950

GORNAL WOOD



Hinley Road

- * A FOUR bedroom detached family home
- * Modernised, extended and enhanced
- * Lounge & dining Room
- * Kitchen with features "island"
- * Utility room and downstairs wc
- * En-suite & family bathroom
- * Private gated entry to large drive
- * Viewing highly recommended
- * EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £254,800

GORNAL WOOD



Hinley Road

- * A Character detached cottage
- * Walking distance to Gornal Village
- * Open plan Living Room
- * Extended upstairs over garage
- * FOUR bedrooms
- * Further scope for improvement
- * Double garage
- * EPC Rating - F

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £238,096

COSELEY



Summerhill Road

- * A DETACHED bungalow
- * Enhanced and upgraded throughout
- * Breakfast Kitchen - Large Conservatory
- * Lounge & Dining Room
- * One bedroom (can be converted back into a two bedroom)
- * Delightful & landscaped gardens
- * Secure parking through electronic gates
- * EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £213,096

COSELEY



Bradleys Lane

- * REDUCED BY £10,000
- * An excellent size detached family home
- * Full of character and charm
- * Modern kitchen & Dining Room
- * Conservatory
- * Three bedrooms and bathroom
- * Good size rear garden
- * Uprc double glazed windows
- * EPC Rating - E

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £198,950

COSELEY



Seagull Bay Drive

- * REDUCED BY £20,990
- * A modern 3 bedroom detached
- * Situated in a quiet cul-de-sac location
- * Lounge, dining room, conservatory
- * Kitchen with integrated appliances
- * THREE bedrooms "en-suite"
- * Central heating & double glazing
- * Landscaped low maintenance
- * EPC rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £198,996

WOODSETTON



Vicars Road West

- * A fantastic DETACHED property
- * Extended FOUR bedrooms
- * Two reception rooms
- * Kitchen and downstairs wc
- * In need of some updating
- * Fabulous & excellent size garden
- * Garage and large driveway
- * EPC Rating - F

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £180,950

SEDGLEY



Bliton Street

- * A fine detached built 1812
- * Stands in the heart of Sedgley Village
- * Re-furnished and re-designed
- * Offering a lot of potential
- * OPEN PLAN STYLE
- * Three double bedrooms and bathroom
- * Atic room (possible fourth bedroom)
- * Pretty rear garden & Driveway Parking
- * EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £179,850

SEDGLEY



Southview Road

- * SOLD IN 24 HOURS
- * A traditional bay fronted semi
- * Popular NORTHWAY address
- * Immaculately presented throughout
- * Luxury contemporary kitchen
- * Three bedrooms
- * Brand new bathroom
- * EPC Rating - E

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £174,996

COSELEY



Citon Street

- * A traditional DETACHED home
- * Open plan lounge/dining room
- * Modern Kitchen
- * Three good size bedrooms
- * An excellent size bathroom
- * Rear garden & garage
- * Off road parking for 2/3 cars
- * An ideal family home
- * EPC Rating - E

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £174,996

COSELEY



Suttons Road

- * A SPACIOUS detached Bungalow
- * Extended dining kitchen
- * Open plan style lounge
- * Two DOUBLE bedrooms
- * Upgraded and modernised throughout
- * Well maintained rear garden
- * Uprc double glazed
- * Two brick built outbuildings
- * EPC Rating - E

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £174,950

KINGSWINCH



Barnett Lane

- * A Modern semi-detached BUNGALOW
- * Positioned on a corner plot
- * GARAGE AND DRIVEWAY
- * Fully refurbished to a HIGH STANDARD
- * Living "Crown" Kitchen
- * Brand new central heating system
- * Well maintained rear garden
- * NO UPWARD CHAIN
- * EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £154,950

OLD PARK FARM ESTATE, DUDLEY



16a Mulberry Green

- * A BRAND NEW DORMER Bungalow
- * 10 year Builders guarantee
- * Large "U" shaped kitchen
- * Good size lounge
- * TWO bedrooms Upstairs
- * Dining Room/Den bedrooms (downstairs)
- * En-suite and house bathroom
- * Driveway and GARAGE
- * NO UPWARD CHAIN

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £154,590

LOWER GORNAL



Wallows Wood

- * A modern style semi-detached property
- * Popular cul-de-sac location
- * Walking distance to Gornal Village
- * In need of some updating
- * Garage conversion into dining room
- * THREE bedrooms
- * Pleasant rear garden overlooking fields
- * EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £159,850

COSELEY



Upper Edingshall Road

- * An attractive DORMER bungalow
- * Good size Dining Kitchen
- * Utility room and Sun Lounge
- * Lounge and separate Dining Room
- * THREE bedrooms & bathroom
- * Garage and drive
- * Uprc double glazed windows
- * EPC - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £154,596

CRADLEY HEATH



Trejon Road

- * A traditional bay fronted semi-detached
- * Lounge & dining kitchen
- * Three bedrooms
- * Excellent size rear garden
- * Uprc double glazed
- * Gas centrally heated
- * Off road parking
- * EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £148,096

UPPER GORNAL



Eve Lane

- * A traditional THREE bed semi
- * Having been fully renovated
- * Open plan EXTENDED kitchen
- * Brand new kitchen and bathroom
- * Uprc double glazed throughout
- * Gas centrally heated
- * NO UPWARD CHAIN
- * EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £138,850

SEDGLEY



Crown Close

- * A beautifully presented end property
- * Situated in walking distance to Sedgley
- * Garage & off road parking
- * An excellent size lounge
- * Recently fitted modern kitchen
- * Three bedrooms and bathroom
- * Rear garden
- * EPC Rating - D

ASKING PRICE £138,950

COSELEY




Beechfield Grove

- * A traditional semi-detached property
- * Situated close by to local amenities
- * Lounge and Dining Room
- * Extended Kitchen to the rear
- * THREE bedrooms
- * Garage and drive
- * Fully UPVC double glazed
- * NO UPWARD CHAIN
- * EPC Rating - BSC

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £137,980

WOODSETTON



Sedgley Road

- * The classic deceptively spacious house
- * Set over THREE floors
- * Lounge & Dining Room
- * Luxury Kitchen
- * THREE bedrooms (including loft room)
- * Family bathroom
- * Rear garden
- * NO UPWARD CHAIN
- * EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £132,800

COSELEY



Church Road

- * A Traditional terrace property
- * Deceptively spacious
- * An open plan modern dining kitchen
- * Lounge & Sitting Room
- * Two good size bedrooms
- * Loft Room (being used as a bedroom)
- * Good size rear garden
- * Driveway with parking for 2 cars
- * EPC Rating - E

PRICE £138,850

DUDLEY



Woolstone Drive

- * A beautifully presented mid terrace
- * Lounge & dining kitchen
- * Two double bedrooms
- * Modern bathroom
- * Off road parking for two vehicles
- * Private rear garden
- * An ideal first time buy
- * EPC Rating - C

PRICE £115,890

COSELEY



Southall Crescent

- * A spacious Terrace property
- * Walking distance to Train Station
- * Open plan style Dining kitchen
- * Downstairs wc
- * TWO bedrooms and bathroom
- * Good size rear garden
- * Driveway for parking
- * EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £98,950

TIPTON



Thunderbolt Way

- * A modern and stylish top floor apartment
- * Completed in 2006
- * Kitchen with integrated appliances
- * Useful parking/store
- * Spacious bedrooms with fitted wardrobes
- * Bathroom with white suite
- * Secure entry system
- * Allocated parking
- * EPC Rating - B

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £85,800

TIPTON



Thunderbolt Way

- * A Modern GROUND floor apartment
- * Completed in 2006
- * One double bedroom with wardrobes
- * Open plan lounge/dining room
- * Modern Kitchen & bathroom
- * One allocated parking space
- * Gas central heating
- * An ideal first time buy
- * EPC Rating - C

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £78,950

LANESFIELD



Hill Avenue

- * A traditional semi-detached
- * A short drive from Hill Avenue Primary
- * Lounge and open plan kitchen
- * TWO double bedrooms
- * Good size bathroom
- * Uprc double glazing
- * In need of some cosmetic work
- * NO UPWARD CHAIN
- * EPC Rating - E

OFFERS OVER £75,096

UPPER GORNAL



The Annals

- * A SPACIOUS maisonette
- * Excellent location for local amenities
- * TWO Bedrooms
- * Lounge, Kitchen & Dining Room
- * Uprc double glazed windows
- * Gas central heating
- * An ideal investment or first time buy
- * EPC Rating - E

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £68,950

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Wolverhampton Road

Superbly located within this most desirable and highly sought after address, this LARGE TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE is enhanced by a LARGE BEAUTIFULLY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN and offers MOST IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS accommodation which REQUIRES UPDATING, yet providing FANTASTIC POTENTIAL FOR IMPROVEMENT and comprising: reception hall, rear lounge, separate formal dining room, dining kitchen, THREE EXCELLENT SIZED BEDROOMS, bathroom; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Set back beyond an attractive lawned fore garden, together with the DRIVEWAY with approach to a LARGE GARAGE 22'8" x 9'7". EPC Rating: D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£219,950
Kingswinford

Kingsley Road

A BEAUTIFULLY IMPROVED TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE with a GENEROUS REAR GARDEN, BACKING ONTO WOODS, within a highly sought after address, offering a VERY WELL PROPORTIONED and BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED layout, comprising: Reception Hall, large attractive Lounge through to Dining Room area, refitted Kitchen, THREE EXCELLENT SIZED BEDROOMS, refitted Shower Room; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and REPLACEMENT UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Gently elevated back beyond the front garden DRIVE/ PARKING, GARAGE and enjoying an attractive rear garden with access to woods. EPC Rating: C. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£214,950
Wall Heath

Victoria Street

Delightfully located within this highly sought after address close to the countryside fringe of Wall Heath Village, this IMMACULATE PERIOD SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME is greatly enhanced by a DRIVEWAY - GARAGE to the rear and offers SPACIOUS and BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED / PRESENTED accommodation which is 'READY TO MOVE INTO' and comprising: reception hall, very large full depth lounge with dining area, attractively re-fitted 'Shaker' style kitchen, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS, beautiful luxury re-appointed bathroom; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. With a small pebbled frontage and an EXCELLENT SIZED AND DELIGHTFULLY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating: E. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£184,950
SEDGLEY

Claremont Road

Enviably situated in "tree lined" road within walking distance of the Bull Ring, an ENLARGED, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached of character (with period features remaining) that has been conscientiously maintained over the years but offers further potential. Accommodation briefly comprises: reception hall, dining room with bay, pantry, sitting room with bay, utility room, and kitchen. Three bedrooms (two with bay windows), tiled bathroom. Large garage (16'4" x 9'4"). Lengthy secluded rear garden. EPC Rating: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £159,950
Kingswinford

Rangeways Road

Enjoying a gently elevated position within this popular tree-lined address upon 'High Acres', this SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED MODERN SEMI-DETACHED HOME is enhanced by a DELIGHTFUL CONSERVATORY and has been thoughtfully improved to offer SPACIOUS accommodation including: Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, CONSERVATORY EXTENSION, fitted Kitchen, Utility / Laundry Room, TWO GOOD SIZED FITTED DOUBLE BEDROOMS (originally three bedrooms), master now having DRESSING AREA, Shower Room, separate W.C., GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. With DRIVEWAY leading to the GARAGE and to the rear enjoying an ATTRACTIVELY LANDSCAPED REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating: D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£149,950
DUDLEY

Mulberry Green, Old Park Farm


A BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached that has been TREMENDOUSLY modernised & improved in recent years to an exemplary standard. Accommodation provides; double glazed entrance porch, inner hallway, 20'7" through lounge, refitted/enlarged breakfast kitchen with an extensive range of "beech" effect units & various integrated appliances. Three generous bedrooms, reappointed/refitted bathroom. Delightful, expertly tended/ sheltered rear garden with many features. EPC: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £115,000
Brierley Hill

Woodbury Close

This traditional style, double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroom semi detached home is situated in an established cul de sac convenient for local amenities, and may be of particular interest to first time buyers or young families. Accommodation briefly comprises: entrance hall, through lounge, dining kitchen, ground floor shower room, conservatory, three bedrooms (with en suite bath to master), paved frontage, and a lengthy, well stocked rear garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

£109,950
NETHERTON

Vale Road

Enjoying a lovely position within this renowned address, not far from local shops and other amenities, this WELL ARRANGED AND SPACIOUS, THREE BEDROOM, SEMI DETACHED HOME is recommended for viewing, affording an excellent layout with UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, yet with particular attention being brought to the DELIGHTFUL CONSERVATORY which leads to a BEAUTIFUL REAR GARDEN. The accommodation briefly comprises: Porch, reception hall, pleasant sitting room, defined dining room, well fitted kitchen, conservatory, landing, three first floor bedrooms and family shower room. SUBSTANTIAL REAR GARDEN and Driveway providing off road parking. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

£109,950
Pensnett

Tansey Court, Birds Meadow

This SPACIOUS MODERN FIRST FLOOR FLAT enjoys a pleasant location within this enclosed garden setting off Birds Meadow, convenient for the village amenities, and offers a 'self contained' layout with: Own ground floor reception hall, first floor Hall, SPLENDID 16'6" LOUNGE, REFITTED KITCHEN, GENEROUS 16'6" BEDROOM, Bathroom, recent uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and part Night store heating. Front FORECOURT PARKING whilst OVERLOOKING REAR LAWNED GARDENS with TREES SURROUNDING. EPC Rating: C. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£64,950
Kingswinford

£5,000 REDUCTION
Southbank View

Enjoying a commanding elevated setting within this exclusive small close, this CONSIDERABLY, YET THOUGHTFULLY, EXTENDED PERIOD STYLE, DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE offers DISTANT VIEWS together with EXTREMELY SPACIOUS accommodation, well appointed and presented to offer: Enclosed Porch, elegant 19' Hall with Cloaks/Toilet off, MAGNIFICENT FULL DEPTH LOUNGE, large Study, splendid Dining Room, refitted Kitchen with integrated appliances, FOUR EXCELLENT DOUBLE BEDROOMS, En-Suite to Bedroom One/Two, re-appointed Bathroom; GAS CENTRAL HEATING plus UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING; fore lawns with long drive plus side parking, DOUBLE GARAGE and landscaped secluded patio and lawned gardens. EPC Rating: C. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£279,950
LOWER GORNAL,

Wordsworth Road, The Straits

COMPREHENSIVELY UPGRADED and MODERNISED by present vendors in recent years to an exemplary specification! A gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed detached bungalow that has been 'transformed' by present vendors enviably situated within walking distance of so many amenities/country park with magnificent landscaped and expertly tended secluded rear garden (orientated approximately to the south) with summerhouse & garden shed. Accommodation comprises; entrance porch, reception hall, two double bedrooms (one with wardrobes) reappointed/refitted bathroom with white contemporary style suite (and shower), lounge (with feature limestone fireplace & hearth) and patio doors through to a double glazed conservatory, breakfast room and reappointed/refitted kitchen with a fine range of units & many appliances. Garage with block paved driveway approach. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £225,000
LOWER GORNAL

Ash Grove

An absolutely outstanding & particularly SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached bungalow excellently situated at head of quiet 'backwater' yet within walking distance of the village & all associated amenities. Significantly upgraded by present vendors in recent years, the superb, extremely flexible accommodation provides imposing 30ft. reception hall, lift lounge, well equipped breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units & a range, principal bedroom with shower room en suite, two further bedrooms (one presently utilised as a sitting room), reappointed/re-tiled shower room (former bathroom). Former 'garage' converted to a utility/workroom. Block paved foregarden, delightful secluded/ landscaped rear garden with fine range of shrubs/plants, patio & decking. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £221,700
DUDLEY

NEW PRICE

MAGNIFICENT LARGE GARDEN (with associated distant views). A spacious, EXTENDED, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached with further potential in quiet cul-de-sac. Accommodation provides; entrance vestibule, central reception hall, store, transverse 20'2" lounge, extended 21' dining room, extended 21' breakfast kitchen. Four generous bedrooms, enlarged bathroom. Car port, garage. Exceptionally lengthy garden with workshop, sheds, and a garden room, and a wide range of established shrubs & plants - PERSONAL INSPECTION VITAL FOR TOTAL APPRECIATION. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £215,000, NOW £209,500
Himley Avenue

Gornal / Brierley Hill

£5,000 REDUCTION
Cassandra Close


Enjoying a generous corner position upon exclusive Badgers Rise, pleasantly located close to neighbouring fields, this BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED AND WELL APPOINTED MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME includes GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and offers: reception hall, ground floor W.C., spacious lounge, separate dining room, DELIGHTFUL CONSERVATORY EXTENSION, attractive fitted kitchen, utility room, THREE BEDROOMS (two fitted and master with REFITTED EN-SUITE), luxury re-appointed home bathroom. With attractive fore garden, DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and a GENEROUS BEAUTIFULLY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating: D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£199,950
COSELEY

Gough Road

A distinctive highly individual three/four bedroom, gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed detached family home of character occupying a prominent corner plot with substantial CONTRACTORS GARAGE and secured parking. Many fine period features remain and the tremendously enhanced accommodation includes entrance porch, imposing reception hall, store, lounge, through dining room, breakfast kitchen with further utility section and separate toilet. Principle bedroom with intercommunicating bedroom three and two further bedrooms, bathroom, delightful excellently tended gardens, established caravan parking area, garage (21'4" x 16'4"). EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £195,000
LOWER GORNAL

NEW PRICE
Burns Grove, Straits

Enviably situated in short/quiet cul-de-sac within reasonable walking distance of day-to-day shops, Post Office, country park etc.; a gas centrally heated, part double glazed detached bungalow with potential. Accommodation includes; enlarged reception hall, cloaks cupboard, lounge, breakfast kitchen, THREE BEDROOMS, bathroom. Garage, gardens. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £189,950, NOW £184,950
GORNAL WOOD

NEW PRICE
Musk Lane

A quaint, significantly extended/gas centrally heated & part double glazed detached family home with further potential conveniently situated within walking distance of the village & all associated amenities with possibilities of sub-division for creation of granny/teenagers annex etc. Vendor's advise original cottage section dates back to early 19th century with subsequent inter-war & more recent extensions & the flexible accommodation comprises through 17ft entrance vestibule/hallway, sitting room, bedroom, lounge (with winding staircase up to two further bedrooms on first floor); to remainder of ground floor is a through dining kitchen, a large bedroom (with doors out to garden & presently sub-divided to create two bedrooms) & a bathroom. Extensive parking, sheltered garden. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £189,950, NOW £182,950

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Bromley

A SUBSTANTIAL AND DISTINCTIVE 'PERIOD' DETACHED FAMILY HOME retaining much of its original character and charm, offering INCREDIBLY GENEROUS and ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED accommodation including TWO SEPARATE LARGE RECEPTION ROOMS and comprising: reception hall, extremely well proportioned lounge, large separate dining room/ sitting room, dining kitchen, pleasant garden room, study / potential utility, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS, SUPERB LOFT (with stairs off landing), refitted bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and DOUBLE GLAZING. With a small walled frontage, DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and an ATTRACTIVE / SECURED LOW MAINTENANCE REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating: E. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£174,950

WALL HEATH



New Dudley Road

Forming part of this highly sought after address, with pleasant front views towards ATTRACTIVE WOODED GREEN, this SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED, TRADITIONAL 'BAY FRONTED' SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME is enhanced by an ATTRACTIVE 'SOUTH FACING' REAR GARDEN and offers ENLARGED and ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED accommodation, comprising: Reception Hall, extended large Lounge, separate formal Dining Room, refitted Kitchen, THREE BEDROOMS, refitted 'classic white' Bathroom with separate shower, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Set back beyond a GOOD SIZED DRIVEWAY to the fore which provides ample off-road parking for several vehicles and having a GARAGE / STORE to the rear (accessed via Dudley Road). EPC Rating: E. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£169,950

DUDLEY



Harvard Close

This modern style, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroom detached family is situated in a cul-de-sac location and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation briefly comprises: entrance porch, hall, lounge, kitchen, conservatory, guest w.c. Three bedrooms (with en suite to master), bathroom with white suite, Garage, driveway and rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

PRICE: £164,950

DUDLEY



The Broadway

A highly individual FREEHOLD gas centrally heated, combi boiler, and double glazed (as seen) detached popular convenient district. The redecorated and refreshed accommodation includes entrance vestibule, reception hall, 22'4" through living/ dining room, upgraded kitchen, Three GENEROUS BEDROOMS, reappointed/re tiled bathroom with white suite, reappointed separate toilet, garage, garden EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £159,950

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NEW PRICE

South View Road, Northway

An attractive, significantly EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated (recent boiler) & either uPVC or aluminium double glazed semi detached with TREMENDOUS DISTANT VIEWS in favoured/convenient district. Accommodation includes entrance porch, enlarged reception hall, 24'6" through living/dining room, extended L-shape 'cottage style' breakfast kitchen, rear lobby. Three bedrooms, bathroom, large garage with 'mezzanine - style' decking providing extensive storage. Block paved drive, secluded rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £155,000, NOW £153,000

DUDLEY



The Broadway

An EXTENDED, spacious, Freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed semi detached occupying WIDER THAN AVERAGE PLOT in popular neighbourhood. Accommodation comprises: enlarged porch, reception hall, dining room, lounge, extended 18'2" kitchen, and the former garage has been sub-divided to create a utility room & fitted shower room (access through hall). Three generous bedrooms, bathroom. Extensive parking (11' width from former garage gable to boundary at side). EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £149,950

COSELEY



Mount Pleasant Street

A TREMENDOUSLY modernised and upgraded FREEHOLD gas centrally heated (combi boiler) and uPVC double glazed semi detached that has been transformed in recent years; the enlarged accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, thorough living/dining room (formerly separate rooms) extended/ refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units, glazed lobby, separate toilet; 3 bedrooms (one with fitted units) reappointed bathroom with stylish white suite LARGE GARAGE secluded rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £149,950

HOLLY HALL



NEW PRICE

Crossgate Road

This period style, EXTENDED, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroom detached family residence provides DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS accommodation over two floors, and whilst ideally requiring certain cosmetic improvement / upgrading, offers EXCELLENT POTENTIAL. The property briefly comprises: open plan lounge / dining room, inner hall, sitting room, kitchen, three good bedrooms, bathroom, separate w.c., garden and double garage (in need of attention) to rear. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£144,950

PENSNETT



£2,000 REDUCTION

Tansey Green Road

AN ATTRACTIVELY PRESENTED, TRADITIONAL, SEMI-DETACHED HOME forming part of this established and sought after address and enjoying a PLEASANT OPEN REAR ASPECT, together with a DOUBLE GARAGE and with accommodation comprising: entrance porch, reception hall, spacious lounge / dining room, CONSERVATORY EXTENSION, refitted kitchen with integrated appliances, TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS, study / laundry room, bathroom with corner suite and separate shower; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. With a GOOD SIZED BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY to the fore and a long, pleasantly laid out rear garden. EPC Rating E. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£139,950

WORDSLEY



OPEN VIEW Sat Jun14 11-3pm

Primrose Hill

AN IMPROVED 'BAY FRONTED' TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME which is pleasantly located within this popular cul-de-sac address, offering SPACIOUS and SUCCESSFULLY ALTERED accommodation, comprising: entrance porch, reception hall, well proportioned lounge with bay window, refitted dining kitchen with built-in appliances, THREE BEDROOMS, re-appointed 'classic white' bathroom with separate shower cubicle; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. With DRIVEWAY to the fore and a GOOD SIZED PATIO / LAWNIED REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating: D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£139,950

COSELEY



Dalwood Close, Bramford Estate

PARTICULARLY LENGTHY GARDEN! Enviably situated in favoured cul-de-sac, a gas centrally heated, mostly uPVC double glazed semi detached that has been conscientiously maintained over the years but now offers further potential. Accommodation includes: entrance porch, reception hall, lounge with bay, pantry, sitting room, kitchen and a breakfast room beyond. Three bedrooms, bathroom. Garage, exceptionally lengthy rear garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £134,950

DUDLEY



Beaumaris Close

An exceptionally stylish, tremendously upgraded, gas centrally heated (recent combi boiler) and uPVC double glazed semi detached that has been "transformed" by present vendors in recent years enviably situated at head of short cul-de-sac with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS from the rear. Accommodation includes: lounge, store, refitted dining kitchen with a fine range of like 'abstract black' finish units & various integrated appliances. Two double bedrooms, upgraded bathroom with a white suite/chrome detailing. Off road parking to front, sheltered rear garden. INTERNAL INSPECTION VITAL FOR TOTAL APPRECIATION. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £133,950

HALESOWEN



Olive Lane

A three bedroomed end of terrace home situated on this established road having double glazing and gas central heating comprising of a Porch with store cupboard, An L-shaped open plan living diner having a defined kitchen area, First floor landing, Three bedrooms, Bathroom, Lawned frontage and Rear garage (solicitors to confirm access). EPC Rating D. Halesowen Office.

OFFERS AROUND £129,950

COSELEY



Rock Road, Hurst Hill

Delightful exceptionally well appointed and meticulously maintained FREEHOLD gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed traditional terrace ENVABLY situated in quiet backwater overlooking allotments with associated distant views. Superb accommodation includes entrance vestibule, sitting room, under stairs store, dining room, rear lobby, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'beach effect' units, laundry and uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY beyond. Two double bedrooms, upgraded bathroom with many period features & shower cubicle. Sheltered/secluded and well tendered garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

PRICE: £124,950

PENSNETT



£5,000 REDUCTION

Tansey Green Road

Enjoying ATTRACTIVE REAR VIEWS onto fields from this very popular and established address, this EXTENDED and ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED HOME is enhanced by a PLEASANT GARDEN ROOM and offers GENEROUSLY PROPORTIONED and WELL APPOINTED accommodation, comprising: reception hall, well proportioned lounge, refitted dining kitchen, GARDEN ROOM EXTENSION, ground floor WC, TWO GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS, spacious re-appointed 'classic white' bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. With a LONG TARMAC DRIVEWAY and an ATTRACTIVE LOW MAINTENANCE REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating: D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£124,950

SEDGLEY



Linfield Gardens, Northway

TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL! A three bedroom semi detached at head of cul-de-sac upon favoured development requiring full renovation but offering tremendous potential. Accommodation includes: hall, kitchen, living/dining room, three bedrooms, bathroom, lengthy drive, former garage, garden. Short Lease. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Price: £119,950

PENSNETT



Primrose Park

A LARGE MODERN 'MEWS' HOUSE which is located in a secluded cul-de-sac position, offering a VERY SPACIOUS, ATTRACTIVELY DECORATED and WELL APPOINTED layout, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: Large 16ft. Lounge, Inner Hall, ground floor Guests Cloakroom/WC, generous full width Dining Kitchen with built-in appliances, TWO LARGE DOUBLE BEDROOMS and attractive Bathroom. BLOCK PAVED PARKING/DRIVEWAY to the fore and ATTRACTIVELY LANDSCAPED PRIVATE REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating: C. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£117,950

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Whitesmith Close, (off Mill Bank)

Conveniently situated within walking distance of the Bull Ring, and all associated amenities; a comparatively spacious, gas radiator centrally heated & double glazed First Floor apartment forming part of a small development managed by the Accord Housing Association for owners aged 55 or over with warden facilities. Stair lift. Accommodation includes: L shaped lounge/dining room (with patio doors out to a balcony), kitchen, inner hallway, two double bedrooms (one with wardrobe), two storage cupboards, and a reappointed shower room (former bathroom) with a white suite. Allocated parking, communal grounds. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £115,000

COSELEY



Goldborough Close

This modern style, double glazed (vast majority of units being uPVC), gas centrally heated, three bedroom mid townhouse is situated in a quiet cul-de-sac, and is sure to appeal to both first time buyers, and young families alike. The well presented accommodation briefly comprises: entrance hall, transverse lounge, kitchen, guest w.c. three bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, Tarmacadam driveway, and a neat rear garden. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £112,950

DUDLEY



Magdalen Close, London Heights

A gas radiator centrally heated, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED semi detached at head of short cul-de-sac with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS and convenient for so many amenities. Spacious accommodation provides entrance hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three generous bedrooms, bathroom, integral garage, front & rear gardens. With potential. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £109,950

UPPER GORNAL



Tudor Vale

TREMENDOUSLY STYLISH! Superb, exceptionally well presented tremendously improved gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed intermediate 'starter home' at head of cul-de-sac. Superb accommodation provides lounge, inner lobby with fitted cloak room, upgraded transverse breakfast kitchen with fine range of units, two double bedroom (one with cupboard the other with wardrobes) reappointed/refitted bathroom with white contemporary suite, off road parking at front and landscape secluded rear garden. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £100,000

UPPER GORNAL



NEW PRICE

Priors Mill

This traditional style, uPVC double glazed (vast majority of units), gas centrally heated, two bedroomed mid townhouse is available with no upward chain, and may be of particular interest to first time buyers. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining room, Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, lawned Gardens and secure parking to rear. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £94,950, NOW £92,500

NETHERTON



NOW AVAILABLE

Ryan Place

This Victorian style, uPVC Double Glazed, Gas Centrally Heated, Two Bedroom Terrace property is situated in a popular location, and may particularly appeal to FIRST TIME BUYERS. Accommodation briefly comprises: lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, TWO GOOD BEDROOMS, Bathroom with white suite, and a low maintenance rear garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£91,950

HOLLY HALL



NEW PRICE

Stourbridge Road

This Victorian style, uPVC Double Glazed (vast majority of units), Gas Centrally Heated, TWO BEDROOM mid Terrace may be of particular interest to FIRST TIME BUYERS, and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Living Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Ground Floor Wet Room, TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS, Bathroom and Rear Garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£82,950

COSELEY



Caddick Street

NO UPWARD CHAIN. This well presented, gas centrally heated, three bedroom THIRD FLOOR FLAT that may particularly appeal to first time buyers, and is well worthy of an internal inspection. The conscientiously maintained property stands in communal grounds and briefly comprises: secure entrance, welcoming hall, stylish lounge, kitchen, three good bedrooms, and bathroom with a white suite. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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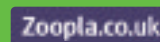
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- Front Garden • Parking • NO UPWARD CHAIN • EPC: TBC



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- Near to Russell's Hall Hospital & Public Transport
- Semi Detached House • Entrance Hall • Lounge/Diner
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FANTASTIC FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED PROPERTY HAVING DESIRABLE LOCATION, EARLY VIEWING RECOMMENDED! A bay fronted detached comprising to ground floor, two reception rooms, extended kitchen, ground floor cloakroom, utility room, garage, first floor landing, four bedrooms, shower room & bathroom. Externally having elevated views to rear, rear garden comprising patio & lawn, fronted driveway. EPC RATING E.

£355,950 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

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NEW BIRMINGHAM ROAD

A BAY FRONTED EXTENDED DETACHED HOUSE. DRIVEWAY PARKING FOR A NUMBER OF VEHICLES. We are pleased to market this three bedroom detached house which has the benefit of double glazing and a gas fired central heating system. The accommodation briefly comprises entrance porch, entrance hallway, extended kitchen, cloakroom/wc, lounge/dining room, landing, three double bedrooms and a bathroom/wc. Externally driveway providing off road parking, a garage and an extensive rear garden.

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BREAMORE CRESCENT

A MODERN WELL PRESENTED FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED HAVING EXCELANT CONSERVATORY. We are delighted to offer this beautifully presented detached family home comprising of lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, spacious conservatory, groundfloor wc, four bedrooms of which the master has en-suite shower room, family bathroom, garage, driveway and rear garden. Viewing is essential. EPC Rating is Grade D

£239,950 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

SEDGLEY



SANDYFIELDS ROAD

An extended detached property comprising to the ground floor of entrance porch, entrance hallway, two reception rooms, extended breakfast kitchen, utility room and shower room. To the first floor there are two double bedrooms and a bathroom. EPC Ratings Awaited

£235,000 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

LOWER GORNAL



GROSVENOR ROAD

A three bedroom dormer bungalow demanding an early viewing. This double glazed & gas centrally heated dormer bungalow comprises entrance hall, two double bedrooms, bathroom, lounge, kitchen, conservatory, dormer bedrooms. Externally having rear garden & garage. EPC - C

£150,000 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

KINGSWINFORD



HONEYTREE CLOSE

AN EXTENDED AND WELL PRESENTED LINK DETACHED HAVING NO UPWARD CHAIN! We are pleased to market this gas central heated and double glazed extended link detached property comprising to the ground floor of an entrance hall, lounge, extended dining room, kitchen, utility room and garage. To the first floor, the landing gives access to three bedrooms and a fitted bathroom. Externally there is a driveway providing parking to the front and an enclosed rear garden. EPC

£155,000 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

HURST HILL



CATHERINE ROAD

FOUR BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY HAVING A GROUND FLOOR BEDROOM WITH EN-SUITE AND CONSERVATORY! This is a gas central heated and double glazed property comprising to the ground floor of entrance hallway, bedroom with en-suite, fitted kitchen, lounge and conservatory, landing, three further bedrooms and family bathroom/wc. Externally there is a driveway to the front and rear garden. EPC Ratings Awaited

£147,500 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

TIVIDALE



FREDA RISE

EXTENDED, BAY FRONTED SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY, CONSERVATORY AND GARAGE. We are pleased to market this double glazed and gas central heated bay fronted semi detached property comprising to the ground floor of entrance porch, entrance hall, lounge/dining room, extended kitchen, conservatory, landing, three bedrooms and shower room. Externally there is a block paved driveway, rear garden and garage to the rear. EPC Ratings Awaited

£140,000 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

DUDLEY



MALTHOUSE DRIVE

REDUCED! A modern three storey three bedroom townhouse comprising to the ground floor of entrance hallway, room which was formerly the garage, shower room, utility room and bedroom. To the first floor there is the lounge, fitted dining kitchen and to the second floor two further bedrooms of which both have en-suite facilities. Externally there is a driveway parking and garden to the rear. EPC - D

£139,950 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

DUDLEY



GREEN ROAD

THREE BEDROOM, BAY FRONTED SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY HAVING TWO LIVING ROOMS, GARAGE AND NO UPWARD CHAIN. We are pleased to market this double glazed and gas central heated three bedroom bay fronted semi detached property comprising to the ground floor entrance hallway, two reception rooms and kitchen. To the first floor there are three bedrooms and a bathroom. Externally there is a driveway, garage and rear garden. EPC - D

£130,000 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

DUDLEY



DENBIGH CLOSE

A modern semi detached residence approached via driveway parking leading to carport & the property that comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, landing, two bedrooms & house bathroom. Other features include gas central heating system & double glazing where stated, viewing on the property is recommended by the agent. EPC rating D

£118,500 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

DUDLEY



CHESTNUT AVENUE

THREE BEDROOMS, VIEWING RECOMMENDED A very well presented three bedroom and terraced property situated in a convenient location for access to Dudley town centre. The accommodation briefly comprises lounge, open plan kitchen/dining room, three bedrooms and a modern bathroom. Externally there is a rear garden and driveway to the front. Viewing is highly recommended. EPC grade E.

£112,500 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

TIPTON



DAVID ROAD

We are pleased to market this semi detached home which occupies a corner plot and has the benefit of double glazing and a gas fired central heating system. In brief the accommodation comprises entrance hall, two reception rooms, a fitted kitchen, three bedrooms and a bathroom/wc. Externally there is a driveway providing off road parking and gardens. We await the EPC ratings.

£99,950 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

DUDLEY



UPLANDS ROAD

THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HAVING NO UPWARD CHAIN. A double glazed & gas centrally heated three bedroom semi detached property having entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen, utility room, landing, three bedrooms and bathroom. Externally having rear garden. EPC RATING AWAITED

£100,000 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

DUDLEY



BECKENSALL CLOSE

RECENTLY REDUCED! This modern and townhouse is worth an early viewing, having a cul-de-sac location this two bedroom dwelling comprises entrance vestibule, lounge, kitchen diner to the ground floor whilst there are two bedrooms, the principal bedroom having en-suite & house bathroom to the first floor. Externally the property is approached via drive whilst the garden lies to both side & rear. EPC - C

£110,000 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

DUDLEY



GREEN PARK ROAD

- EPC Rating E ● Semi Detached
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Lounge ● Fitted Kitchen ● Double Glazing
- Drive ● Beautifully Presented

£475 PM DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

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Auris put it on my charge

By David Banner

The Prius gets all the plaudits in Toyota's line up but the Auris Hybrid might well have been the better car. In second generation guise, it can offer emissions as low as 84g/km.

What are the priorities when it comes to hybrid vehicle dynamics? In order, refinement, then refinement followed by refinement. People don't buy these cars to fling round corners or smoke the tyres away from the lights.

A good hybrid hatchback should be about pure relaxation and low stress. It should promote a calm, measured driving style and remind the driver that the journey can be enjoyed in ways other than outbraking someone into a roundabout. Extensive soundproofing in the engine bay, front wheel arches and dashboard has reduced engine and road noise intrusion in the cabin of the latest Auris Hybrid.

The 1.8-litre VVT-i petrol engine was already one of the smoothest in its class and with the addition of the electric motor, it's also reasonably brisk. It'll make 62mph in 10.9 seconds on the way to 112mph.

When operating its switchable all-electric EV mode, the Auris Hybrid generates zero CO2, NOx and particulates for distances up to 1.2 miles at speeds up to about 31mph, according to the level of battery charge and driving conditions.

Auris Hybrid buyers get to choose either a five-door hatchback bodystyle or the Touring Sports estate. We tried the ordinary hatch and found a few aesthetic

hybrid-specific styling touches. The lower grille and lower part of the rear bumper are finished in a graphite gloss paint and the Toyota emblems on the bonnet and tailgate are finished in hybrid blue. Hybrid logos are featured on the front wings and there is a hybrid mark on the tailgate. Other features exclusive to the Hybrid also include LED rear light clusters and new 15 and 17-inch Turbine alloy wheels.

A hybrid meter and specific Eco Drive Support monitor feature on the dashboard. The gear lever is finished in hybrid blue and there is hybrid-specific ornamentation on the instrument panel. According to grade, the instrument panel has a hybrid blue brushed aluminium finish. Ice blue leather or black leather inserts will be available on higher grades.

Premium

Auris Hybrid pricing starts at around £20,000 – and there's an £1,100 premium if you want the Touring Sports estate version. That means you're looking at a premium of around £1,500 over the conventional 130bhp 1.6-litre Valvematic petrol model in each case.

This hybrid model is available in Icon and Excel trims. Icon features 15-inch alloy wheels, a six-speaker DAB stereo, the Toyota Touch multimedia control screen with Bluetooth and a rear view camera, plus some leather on the wheel and gear shifter. The top Excel model gets the lot thrown at it. There's velour and leather seating, dual zone climate control, park assist, rain-sensing wipers, heated front seats, Smart Entry and Start, cruise control, dusk-sensing lights and so on. That's on top of kit like seven airbags, a



If you feel like dipping out of the rush hour rat race, the Toyota Auris Hybrid makes a very attractive haven. Think of it as a detox for your commute

follow-me-home lighting system, Hill-start Assist Control, Vehicle Stability Control and LED daytime running lights. The Active grade includes automatic air conditioning, a four-speaker CD audio system with USB and AUX connection, electrically adjustable, heated, body-coloured door mirrors and electric front windows. All that for around £20k. There's a premium of around £1,800 to find if you want to graduate from the Icon to the plusher Excel. The CO2 emissions and fuel returns vary a little with the trim level chosen. Icon hatch models can return 84g/km - or 85g/

km in the Touring Sports estate. Combined cycle consumption is 74.3mpg. If you go for a plush Excel hatch though, the CO2 figure is 91g/km and the fuel figure 72.4mpg. Which means that overall, even a top Auris Hybrid model will cost less for a company to offer on its fleet than a more modestly specified, mid-grade car. For the company car driver, the personal savings are considerable too. If you feel like dipping out of the rush hour rat race, the Toyota Auris Hybrid makes a very attractive haven. Think of it as a detox for your commute.

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Volvo hybrid gets boost of R-Design

The super-efficient Volvo V60 Plug-in Hybrid – one of the best-selling hybrid-electrified vehicles in Europe in 2013 – is now also available in Volvo Cars' R-Design specification.

"We sold almost 8,000 plug-in hybrids in 2013. Adding the R-Design dynamic attributes to the V60 Plug-in Hybrid – the world's first diesel plug-in hybrid – will further broaden its appeal. The customer gets segment-topping performance combined with outstanding efficiency," says Alain Visser, senior vice-president marketing, sales and customer service at Volvo Car Group.

The Volvo V60 D6 AWD R-Design Lux Nav is available from £51,675 (excluding £5,000 Plug-In Car Grant) on the road and can be ordered now, with expected deliveries from August.

The V60 Plug-in Hybrid R-Design features a number of unique interior and exterior features which create a sporty presence. The exterior blends the Plug-in Hybrid identification with the R-Design front bumper and grille, rear diffuser and 18in Ixon wheels.

Inside, the car comes with a full R-Design interior, featuring sports seats as standard with a blend of black nubuck textile and perforated leather. Amongst the other unique R-Design features, it also includes sports pedals, sports floor mats and charcoal headlining. The car retains the special plug-in hybrid instrumentation and information.

Contact

Also fitted as standard on all PHEVs is Volvo's telematic system, Volvo On Call. This system allows users to use a free mobile app to access a number of functions and keeps the driver in constant contact with the vehicle, no matter where they are.

The front wheels of the V60 Plug-in Hybrid are powered by a five-cylinder 2.4-litre turbodiesel producing 215hp and 440Nm of torque. The car has a six-speed automatic transmission.

The rear axle is powered by an electric motor producing 70 horsepower and 200Nm of torque. It is supplied with power from an 11.2kWh lithium-ion battery pack installed under the floor of the load compartment.

The driver selects the required driving mode via three buttons that give the car three entirely different temperaments: Pure, Hybrid or Power.

In the default hybrid mode, the carbon dioxide emissions are down to just 48g/km. This corresponds to fuel consumption of 155.2 mpg (NEDC certification driving cycle for hybrids).

What is more, at the touch of a button the driver can choose to cover up to 31 miles on pure electric power - or utilise the combined capacity of the diesel engine and electric motor to create a veritable driving machine that offers 215+70 horsepower and 440+200Nm of torque.



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Mazda3 is setting the benchmark in its sector

By Sharon Walters

There's a lot to tempt buyers to take a look at the new Mazda3. It has strong residual values, lowest average depreciation and 2014/15 company car benefit-in-kind tax bills lower than a host of rivals.

Data from vehicle valuation experts CAP Automotive reveals the new SKYACTIV Mazda3 range tops the table and beats lower-medium sector rivals in terms of average forecasted pound-note depreciation.

And company car drivers wanting to cut their benefit-in-kind tax bills can make significant savings against more expensive rivals.

The all-new Mazda3 is the third car in the marque's line-up to benefit from SKYACTIV technology and the 36-strong model line-up offers precision handling, exceptionally generous interior cabin space and sporty design.

And it certainly has proved popular since hitting the roads at the turn of the year, with sales exceeding all expectations at around 3,000 for the first quarter.

And starting with the looks, if cars did benefit from working out, it would be the new Mazda3. It's lost weight, and become shapelier, more agile and has rivals looking on with envy.

While it bears the same name as the outgoing hatchback, the Mazda3 is new from the ground up. Larger than its predecessor but engineered for fuel economy, it has features which have also paid dividends in terms of safety, roadholding and the fun-to-drive factor.

The car is a fraction lower, visually fitting in with its curving lines and sculpted surfaces while also helping to reduce drag.

In the four-door Fastback, the long boot has a useful 419 litres of space, slightly more than its hatchback stablemate which also has the practicality of split/fold rear seats.

The fascia is made of what looks like durable textured plastics, with an instrument binnacle comprising two information displays either side of a large rev counter. Inset is a big, clear digital speed readout.

The latest Mazda3 gets four engine options, all of which are designed around Mazda's SkyActiv technology. SkyActiv aims to improve efficiency by reducing weight and utilising smart functions such as capturing waste energy to power things like the air-conditioning when the car is stationary.

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It even extends to functions like an active shutter front grille which closes for better aerodynamics when the engine isn't in immediate need of cooling.

Engines comprise an entry-level 1.5-litre petrol and two 2.0-litre petrol units, as well as a 2.2-litre diesel. The 1.5-litre engine produces 99bhp and will go from rest to 62mph in 10.8 seconds, while the 2.2-litre diesel will cover the benchmark sprint in 8.1 seconds, thanks to its punchy 148bhp engine. Mazda reckons a less powerful diesel engine will eventually be offered to UK customers, but it may take quite a while.

The 2.0-litre petrol engine is offered in two options – one with 118bhp and the other with 165bhp. As for performance, 0 to 62mph in 8.9 seconds for the standard version and 8.2 seconds for the higher power version. Buyers of the 118bhp 2.0-litre petrol and the 2.2-litre diesel are also offered the option of a six-speed automatic.

The car is offered with the sort of hi-tech features that not so very long ago were the preserve of luxury saloons. There are refinements like a head-up display, touch-screen satellite-navigation and mobile internet connectivity. The mobile system is particularly interesting, following the likes of Toyota into the market with a system which allows the car to pair with a smartphone and display Facebook and Twitter updates. A nine-speaker Bose audio system is also available.

Buyers choose between SE, SE-L and Sport trim levels, with or without sat nav. Even the base SE comes with 16in alloy wheels, air conditioning, power-folding heated mirrors, a leather steering wheel, a trip computer, a radio/CD with six speaker audio system, 7in TFT colour touch screen, USB/iPod connectivity and a Bluetooth hands-free system. All models also come with Smart City Brake Support (SCBS) which helps to reduce or prevent low-speed collisions by automatically applying the brakes if the driver fails to act, plus there's Hill Hold Assist (HHA) to prevent roll-back.

The latest car looks a good deal more assured, with a vastly improved interior, a focus on improving efficiency and a really sharp exterior styling job.

On-the-road prices start at £16,695 for the all-new Mazda3 1.5-litre SKYACTIV-G 100ps SE Hatchback and extend to £23,345 for the all-new Mazda3 2.2-litre SKYACTIV-D 150ps Sport Nav Auto Hatchback. Meanwhile, on-the-road prices for the all-new Mazda3 Fastback featuring the emission-busting 2.2-litre SKYACTIV-D 150ps (104g/km) engine start at £19,245 for the SE derivative and extend to £22,145 for the Sport Nav variant.



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Summers digs deep to find victory

TIPTON'S Ricky Summers had to dig deep after an early onslaught to overcome Luke Allon in a tough chief support six-rounder.

Summers was stepping back up to light-heavy-weight and felt the added power of Allon early on, shaking off a super-stiff straight left in the first round.

He was forced onto the back foot after taking a big right hook in the second round, before becoming the aggressor.

Summers backed up Allon in the ropes and let fly, wearing him down with hooks to the body. It gave him heart for the rest of the fight.

Those early shots proved a distant memory as he ended the fight coming forward, Allon standing off and waiting for the final bell.

Referee Gareth Morris had Summers the winner of every round with a 60-54 verdict.

Coseley's Ryan Corrigan bounced back from his first professional defeat with a hard-fought victory over Harvey Hemsley.

Nearly three months on from a damaging first-round loss to Mark Morris in Northern Ireland, the 22-year-old super-featherweight returned.

Delight at signings for Pitmen

HEDNESFORD Town manager Rob Smith has said he is delighted at the capture of two exciting signings from Skriff North rivals Brackley Town.

Also admitting that with the budget of some teams in the division this year he has to show a degree of patience to secure new signings.

Smith has moved quickly to resign players from last year but believes the capture of Steve Diggins and Glenn Walker can refresh his squad ahead of pre-season.

"I have spent a lot of time trying to get these two to the club and I'm delighted they have chosen us. They believe we are the right club for them. Their attitudes are refreshing."

Heathens warned of threat from big Ben

CRADLEY'S big guns have been warned to expect a big challenge from former British Under-21 Champion Ben Wilson when Stoke visit Monmore next Tuesday.

And the Potters include Heathens asset Jon Armstrong, who raced for the club in 2010 and 2011 and is still popular with supporters.

It's a welcome return to home league racing for the Heathens, who have only had four meetings at their Monmore base all season thanks to rain.

They're expecting a good turnout as speedway-starved fans look to see their side

By Nigel Pearson

in action again.

Boss Will Pottinger said: "Stoke obviously have a good top end with the likes of Ben Wilson and Armo and our lads will be on their guard.

"I expect this to be a competitive meeting with Stoke looking to come here and put on a good show. I'm sure they will bring some supporters down the M6 with them too.

"From our perspective we will just be looking to put three more league points on

the board to maintain our push for the playoffs.

"The lack of meetings has been frustrating although the lads have been busy with their other league clubs, but as a club we have been inactive which is a shame."

Before Tuesday, Cradley head to Plymouth on Saturday to face league newcomers Devon with a 1.15pm start.

They will be without Steve Worrall who is riding for Edinburgh and the rider replacement facility will operate. Tom Perry starts at reserve.

And on Sunday Heathens go to Milden-

hall for the National League Pairs Championship and will be represented by Worrall and Max Clegg.

Paul Starke is unavailable due to a fixture clash with Somerset.

The club have announced only standard £10 tickets are remaining for the evening with club legend Billy Hamill next month.

All £25 VIP passes have been sold.

Hamill will appear for the evening on stage with broadcaster and joint Cradley owner Nigel Pearson at the Copthorne Hotel, Level Street, Brierley Hill on Sunday, July 27.

Zaman shows star quality on the pitch

ALL-ROUNDER Basit Zaman starred with bat and ball as West Bromwich Dartmouth beat Kenilworth Wardens by three wickets to stay top of the Premier Division.

The 19-year-old Warwickshire leg-spinner claimed 6-31 as Wardens were dismissed for 142. Then he opened the batting and top-scored with 43 as his side reached 143-7 in reply in 31.2 overs. Captain Kadeer Ali made 26 at the top of the order and his side still lead the table by 15 points from Brockhampton.

A four-wicket haul from Gareth Williams helped Kidderminster to a winning draw against defending champions Shrewsbury.

Mike Hill made 65 and Craig Wood 53 as Kidderminster made 175-6 before Shrewsbury were left hanging on in reply, making 98-9 with Williams claiming 4-22.

Walsall remain in the bottom three after being forced to settle for a losing draw against Knowle and Dorridge despite four wickets from Pakistan Test player Umar Amin.

Amin took 4-48 as K&D made 149-9 in 30 overs in a rain-affected match, but Walsall came up short in reply and battled to a draw on 135-8, thanks largely to an unbeaten 49 from Jack Biddulph.

Bottom side Himley were skittled for 58 by Brockhampton as their early-season struggles continued with a 51-run defeat.

Brockhampton made 109-6 in 23 overs in a weather-affected match, but only two batsmen made double figures as Himley were rolled over in reply.

Captain Dan Cox took 3-7 as Old Hill claimed a losing draw in their mid-table Division One clash with Smethwick.

Cox helped dismiss Smethwick for 105 but, with the game shortened by rain, they proved enough for Smethwick to take the lion's share of the points as Old Hill ended on 64-5.

Wolverhampton's game at Barnards Green fell victim to the weather while Wombourne suffered a six-wicket defeat to Harborne despite Jamie Miller making an unbeaten 77 in his side's losing total of 182-4.

Stourbridge and Penkridge were left frustrated as rain forced their meeting near the top of Division Two to be abandoned.

Brewood's game at home to Tamworth and Halesowen's trip to Coventry and North Warwick suffered the same fate.

Hawkins Cannock and Rugeley remained top of the Third Division thanks to a winning draw at Kings Heath.

Adam Lawley was top scorer with 35 in Hawkins' 118 then claimed two wickets.

Tank rolls over his rival to take the victory



Dudley's Ryan Aston celebrates after beating Stanislav Nenkov

DUDLEY'S Ryan Aston used Stanislav Nenkov to make a statement to Britain's light-middleweight division after clobbering the Bulgarian to stoppage on home turf, writes Craig Birch.

The home-town hero headlined at The Venue on Saturday night and left the European visitor well beaten, six rounds into a scheduled 10.

"Tank" rolled over his 19-year-old opponent, who was halted for only

the second time, with 10 seconds of the round left.

Nenkov had already been floored with a booming right hook earlier in the session, which sent him careering into a neutral corner and to the canvas.

Aston nearly punched himself out as he attempted to follow up but Nenkov eventually crumbled again, taking a knee after absorbing a barrage of stiff body shots. He rose

again but had no interest in further punishment, his demeanour forcing referee Shaun Messer to wave an end to the contest.

Nenkov had gone the distance with Rowley Regis' Jason Welborn at Walsall Town Hall last month, with the British title contender looking on from ringside for this one. Tipton's Ricky Summers had to dig deep after to overcome Luke Allon in a tough chief support six-rounder.

They don't 'arf know how to run for DK

ATHLETES from Dudley Kingswinford running club travelled north on Sunday in search of a swift 'Arf, the Potters 'Arf, a half marathon starting and finishing in Hanley Town Centre and travelling the 13.1 miles around Stoke on Trent.

A combination of a blisteringly hot day and some brutal hills throughout the course made for a testing event but good support at the roadside and locals turning their hosepipes on passing runners certainly helped.

With the winner, Anuradha Cooray, going on to represent Sri Lanka in this summer's Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, the blue hoops were certainly in good company. Although some way behind the winner they still placed well in a field topping nearly two thousand competitors.

First back for DK was Matt Biggs taking 25th place in 1.25.09, Dave Norman came home in a frustrating 1.30.03 for 72nd place, Mark Judge was 235th in 1.41.36, Mark Homer finished in 1.42.59, Russell Fox stopped the clock in 2.01.51 for 794th place and Andy Weaver nursed his shredded hamstring around the course in 2.09.45 for 1018th.

Single score enough to beat Stour

National Club T20
Stourbridge CC 120
Oswestry CC 121

STOURBRIDGE CC took on Oswestry on Sunday at home in the ECB National Club T20 Competition.

A delay in the start curtailed the match to 17 overs.

Home skipper Mikes Patel entitled to claim the toss batted first and saw his side post a decent target on a slow paced pitch.

Stour pinned their hopes on the in-form Steve Game and Josh Banks for a target beyond 130. Oswestry openers Warrick Fynn and Mark Robinson relished the opportunity offered by pace put on 71 off 10 overs; Stour was 55-2 at the same stage. Paceman James Winders bowled Sam Hales for 16.

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Hussain beaten on points decision

MOHAMMED Hussain's remarkable rise to the national final of the England Junior Championship fell at the last with a unanimous points loss, writes *Craig Birch*.

The 15-year-old, who had never boxed in competitive bouts before the tournament, fell at the last.

He stepped through the ropes at 50kg in Class B, for boxers born in 1998, with everything to fight for in the decider at the TA Centre in London.

Hussain came out like a house on fire in the first round as two stylists tried to outsmart each other, but it was him who faded as time wore on.

Opponent Michael Chalk, from Guildford, dragged him into the trenches from the second and had the stomach for the scrap.

Hussain stepped up to the plate and traded leather towards the end but both showed restraint, the bout going to the cards after a cagey bout.

Trainer John Shakespeare said: "Mo boxed well, in competition boxing he's been a revelation so far and he will only learn as he gets more experience."

"We are proud of how he's coming on and the annoying thing is I know he could have done better."

Downing is very positive

PAUL DOWNING sees another summer of major change at Walsall as an exciting opportunity – and not something for fans to fret over.

The ever-improving central defender added his voice to those of Dean Smith's players backing the manager to turn up trumps in the transfer market.

For the third summer running, Smith is facing an overhaul with key figures Andy Butler and Craig Westcarr removed from the roster and doubts still about one of his top signings, left-back Andy Taylor, staying.

But Downing accepts those left behind must step up and take more responsibility as Smith once again tries to work the oracle in the transfer market on one of the third tier's tightest budgets. He said: "I think you always have to be excited about a new season."

Jamie earns a place on the winner's podium

GINETTA Junior Championship racer Jamie Caroline delivered a remarkable podium finishing performance for Total Control Racing during round seven of the season at Oulton Park on Sunday. The success came after a spirited charge through the order for the Wednesday team from an uncharacteristic 16th on the grid.

During the all-important qualifying session at the Cheshire venue's full International Circuit on June 7, the 15-year-old was on course for a clear pole position in tricky, wet conditions but his car was tagged after an unfortunate excursion early in the ses-

Motor racing

sion – knocking him out of the remainder of the period and ultimately leading to an eighth row start for race one.

Determined to make light work of his rivals in the dry seven lap contest on Sunday, the TCR racer made outstanding progress on the first lap to slice his way through into the top eight and at the exit of Cascades on lap two he gained two more places thanks to lightning reactions.

When Jack Rawles lost the rear of his car, Caroline and others had to dart to the right

onto the grass to avoid a collision but he kept his foot planted and rejoined the track in sixth. Then, a bit further behind, a multi-car tangle at the exit of Shell Oils Hairpin led to the appearance of the Safety Car.

Grabbing fifth on the final tour at the chicane, the car racing rookie then benefitted from a tangle at the final corner, Lodge, to nip through and grab a sensational third place – his fourth consecutive podium – despite contact to the left-rear of his Ginetta from the rejoining Lando Norris.

Consistent team-mate Matt Chapman earned his fifth and sixth top 10 results of

the campaign in the two Oulton Park encounters – the latter coming at the expense of Caroline who was unfortunately removed from the results of round eight on Sunday afternoon following an incident.

In the first race, Chapman lined up 12th on the grid and enjoyed a strong first lap to move up into 11th position before then climbing into 10th just prior to the Safety Car restart when one car spun out. Elbowed back to 11th shortly after, the Oxford 14-year-old remained hot on the heels of Brazil's Pedro Cardoso and took the flag just 0.6 seconds adrift.

Game on to retain Thorne

ALBION are braced for a summer-long struggle over George Thorne despite dismissing an opening £950,000 bid from Derby.

The Baggies rebuffed the offer on Monday night and told Rams chief executive Sam Rush not to bid again.

But the East Midlands club are already thought to be preparing a second bid and Thorne is keen on the move after impressing during a five-month loan spell at the iPro Stadium last season.

And that means Albion still face a fight to keep the 21-year-old despite issuing a hands-off warning on all of their players last night following bids for Thorne and Craig Dawson in recent days.

Terry Burton, speaking publicly for the first time as Baggies technical director, said: "George has progressed through the academy into the first-team squad and we have high hopes for him."

He underlined his potential while on loan at Derby and we have no intentions of selling him. We have told Derby he is not for sale and that is the end of the matter as far as we're concerned.

Midlands trio are cup seeds

WOLVES, Walsall and Birmingham City have all been seeded for the Capital One Cup first round draw.

The three West Midlands teams are all in the southern half of the draw, which will be made next Tuesday at 10am.

The seedings means they can't play each other at the first-round stage.

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WOLVES HAVE AN EYE ON WILSON

WOLVES are one of four Championship clubs chasing Coventry striker Callum Wilson.

Head coach Kenny Jackett has now followed up his enquiry in January with firmer interest in the 22-year-old hotshot, who Coventry rate at up to £3m.

Wilson, who scored 22 goals last season, is also on the

radar of Bournemouth, who have serious financial clout now they are under Russian ownership, but not Nottingham Forest.

Wolves are unlikely to bid as high as £3m, but they have signalled their intentions to the Sky Blues and it is understood they have asked to be kept informed of developments.

Coventry development director Steve Waggart said: "At the moment our view is that Callum is not for sale."

Secure

"We have had approaches from four Championship clubs who are keen to secure the services of one of the best young strikers around."

"As it stands we have been refused and rejected all offers that have come in," added Mr Waggart.

"We've had what I would call four firm enquiries all together, comprising two written bids, one quite firm verbal offer and one indicative enquiry where they have said they are interested."

"They are all Championship clubs, which is to be expected, to be honest. But we haven't had a formal approach from Forest – certainly not through me anyway and I don't think the

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manager (Steven Pressley) has because he would have updated me with anything."

For the moment, Coventry are looking to keep Wilson and build a team to challenge for promotion around him.

"We think if we can get the right players around him to gel with his pace off the shoulder with Callum's movement and everything else he will give us, there's a great chance of us pushing for promotion via the play-offs."

Jackett wants to sign a striker this summer and is also interested in Leicester's former Albion youngster Chris Wood.

But he will have to play a waiting game for the 22-year-old he had on loan at Millwall as the Foxes want to finalise their signings first before allowing anyone to leave.

As Wolves play a waiting game on Wilson, they are closing in on the £2m signing of Sheffield United defender Harry Maguire.

The clubs have been negotiating, and Wolves are quietly confident the 21-year-old will be Jackett's second summer signing.

Eagles finish their season in winning style



Adults from Kewford Eagles' SAS who won the Birmingham Ability Counts League

THE Supported Ability Section (SAS) of Kewford Eagles FC have finished their season in great style with the Adults winning the Birmingham Ability Counts League and Kewford Team B who came second in the championship.

The SAS went to the Disability Festival at Six Fields Stadium, Northampton where they won the tournament playing teams from all over the country.

Kewford said it was extremely proud of its disability section and all the hard work done by their Disability Secretary Jane Beach and the coaches Dave Perks and Tom Wasell.

Lynn Boleyn, Charity Trustee said "Kewford Eagles is a community club providing football for all regardless of age or ability and we are indebted to people like Jane, Tom and Dave who give up many hours every week

to help manage and coach the teams. They are a credit to all concerned in promoting disability football and it is a pleasure to see the enjoyment they have brought to all members in their teams."

Last year Kewford Eagles picked up the prestigious Black Country Sport & Physical Activity Community Club of the Year Award where the Club was recognised for the work it does within its disability section.

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